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CCTV crackdown on boy racers

CAMERAS TO BE INSTALLED AT UNDERFLEET CAR PARK

CCTV will be installed to tackle boy racers in the Underfleet car park in Seaton.

East Devon District Council (EDDC) has made the decision after repeated complaints from members of the public.

News of the forthcoming CCTV installation was brought to the meeting of Seaton Town Council on Monday, January 23rd by EDDC officer Andrew Ennis.

Mr Ennis said that complaints about vehicle-related anti-social behaviour in the car park came to a head in 2015, which resulted in meetings and a decision to install barriers.

But complaints continued and in August last year alone, a total of 12 complaints were made.

He also said that anti-social behaviour is not confined to evenings as there have been reported cases on Saturday afternoons, potentially putting families and other car park users at risk.

Police staged a three-day clampdown last autumn, which was described as successful, and had led to fewer complaints.

It is hoped that the installation of CCTV will reduce the number of complaints even further.

Mr Ennis told *Pulman's View from Seaton and*

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Colyton: "This was an EDDC Officer Executive Decision.

"The reason for the decision was the ongoing problem of vehicle-related anti-social behaviour in and around the Seaton Jurassic car park [Underfleet].

"There will be a new CCTV surveillance system to discourage the behaviour and, if necessary, to provide robust evidence to enable the police to take action against individuals in respect of driving offences.

"Installation is currently planned for the spring

of 2017."

Seaton mayor Cllr Marcus Hartnell supports the installation of CCTV, and said: "Stamping out anti-social behaviour at the Underfleet car park has to be a priority, and this is a positive step towards that aim."

Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Richard Jenkins said: "I am aware of the CCTV installation at the Underfleet car park and, although anti-social and crime-related incidents at this particular location are currently infrequent (assisted by the closure of the car park during the evening), any such use of current technology to potentially both deter and assist in detecting crime and other unlawful behaviour would be welcomed by the police."



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COLYTON NEWS THIS WEEK

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SCHOOLS NEWS

Devon schools' funding is set to be slashed by a third

MORE than a third of Devon's schools will lose out if new national funding figures aren't revised, the county's education chief has warned.

Devon's schools are already funded at £290 less per pupil than the national average and Devon County Council, heads and governors have fought a long campaign for fair funding.

The previous coalition Government announced it would bring in a national funding formula for education and proposals were announced for consultation before Christmas.

But figures released by Devon County Council show that while 212 schools in the county would benefit, another 129 would be even worse off than they are now.

They include 24 secondaries, 103 primaries and two all-through schools.

And pupils would still be funded at £268 a head less than the national average.

That adds up to £24 million less coming to Devon schools than if they were funded at the national average.

Now Devon's Cabinet member for schools, James McInnes, is campaigning for all of the county's schools to be given fair funding under the new formula.

He said: "Fair Funding was always about schools in Devon getting more money – not having money taken away.

"My view is Devon's under-resourced schools have produced outstanding results for long enough and now deserve to be properly funded so they can give our children an even better education.

"No school in Devon should lose money as a result of these proposals.

"I welcome the fact that the Government grasped the nettle of fair funding after so many other administrations failed to tackle the issue.

"But it is vital that the Government looks out for our rural areas and does not approve a funding formula devised by civil servants in London who aren't fully aware of the realities of providing a good education for the children of Devon."

Mr McInnes said: "We need to work together with our family of schools in Devon otherwise we risk being picked off one by one.

"This was always supposed to be about fairer funding for under-resourced schools in rural areas.

"We are closer to the prize now than we've been after such a long battle but we must keep up the fight to ensure all our children benefit from this major overhaul of the funding system."

Tributes paid after second man dies following Branscombe collision

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Mr Clargo's family issued the tribute on Friday, January 27th saying: "Andrew was a popular and extremely well-loved pharmacist in the Exmouth Area.

"He leaves behind his partner Kate, his son Matt, and stepsons Joe and Henry. His loss has devastated his family and they would appreciate for their privacy would be respected at this very difficult time."

Mr Clargo died as a result of a two-car collision which also killed 77-year-old Peter Crossland, who was from Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Mr Crossland, who was driving a blue Honda Jazz, died at the scene after colliding with a red Renault Clio on the A3052, close to the Three Horseshoes junction.

The driver of the Clio, Mr Clargo, was airlifted to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth with serious injuries where he later died.

Police collision investigators attended the scene and carried out a forensic investigation.

The police spokesperson said: "If anyone witnessed this incident, please contact police using 101@dc.police.uk or call 101, quoting log 628 of Jan 20th 2017."



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Local police force to recruit 150

DEVON and Cornwall Police will recruit almost 100 officers and 50 criminal investigators thanks to £24m of additional money as part of the Police and Crime Plan (2017-2020).

Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer welcomed the financial boost and said: "This plan, along with the budget proposals for 2017/18, represents a definitive step forward in making the force sustainable and resilient for the 21st century."

"It will enable us to connect with our communities, which is a key issue for the force and our partners, along with modernising our services and aligning our resources to the changing demand in our local, national and international policing landscape."

The Police and Crime Plan comes after a consultation into policing issues, commissioned by Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez last summer.

She said: "Our consultation clearly showed the public wants better connectivity with, and accessibility to, its police force."

"This plan provides a direction to help communities become safer, more resilient and better connected and makes a Local Policing Promise to ensure that policing is accessible, responsive, informative and supportive."

"Devon and Cornwall Police is already a good force. Through better connection, clear direction and appropriate investment it can be one of the very best in the country."

She explained how the extra money was made available by saying: "By freeing over £10m from reserves, by striving for further efficiencies, by raising money through the policing precept and changing other spending priorities, I have provided the Chief Constable with the funds to be one of the only forces in the country to increase its number of officers."

"It is for the Chief Constable to decide the make-up of his workforce so that he can best deliver the priorities set out in this plan."

"He has now set out his intentions and I will support him in that, but I will expect him to deliver, in particular, the increased connectivity that the people of Devon and Cornwall have said is important to them."

Mr Sawyer said: "Demand on the police is changing. We are still facing threats from organised crime and terrorism and must ensure we maintain and improve our capabilities to deal with this national threat."

"We are also facing the new and emerging threats from international cyber-crime and complex issues such as child sexual exploitation and modern slavery."

"Through the use of the additional budget we will look to employ nearly 100 additional police officers onto the



■ POLICE and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez

streets and into local policing, as well as 50 criminal investigators and 30 online record takers. The extra 100 police officers will bring the total number back up to 3,000.

"The frontline has become very stretched over the past years of austerity."

"At the same time demand has increased and the need for specialist capabilities, such as firearms officers and public order trained staff, has grown to meet the national and international threats."

"The redesign of our workforce will require us to move some staff from existing roles, such as PCSOs, to other police staff roles, new staff investigation roles or to join up as police officers depending on their career aspirations and suitability."

GCSE results: Somerset best in South West

SOMERSET'S young people have fared well in Government GCSE rankings, based on results of 5,000 schools across the country.

Department for Education (DfE) statistics show that Somerset's schools demonstrate strong performance in a number of areas.

Somerset scored the highest in the South West (joint with Cornwall) and is in the top third nationally for the 'Progress 8' measure, which measures progress that students make from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school.

The 'Attainment 8' measure, which measures the achievement of students across eight subjects (including English and Maths), showed that Somerset is performing above the national average.

Cllr Frances Nicholson, Somerset County Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Families, congratulated Somerset students on their successes and said: "Your hard work has been rewarded and I wish you every success in the future."

"I would also like to thank all teachers, school leaders and everyone who has supported and encouraged our young people throughout their school careers."

Seaton cabbie stabbed in attempted robbery

A TAXI driver was stabbed in the arm during an attempted robbery in Seaton.

Police were called to Harbour Road at about 9pm on Saturday, January 28th.

A spokesperson said: "Police were called to Harbour Road following an assault and robbery on a taxi driver."

"Police arrested a man at the scene and the victim was taken to hospital with wounds described as non-life threatening."

An ambulance spokesperson said a man was taken to hospital in Exeter with a stab wound in one of his arms.

Peter Hall, aged 40, from Hawkchurch, near Axminster, has been charged with attempted robbery and being in possession of a bladed article and was due to appear before Exeter Magistrates' Court yesterday (January 30th).

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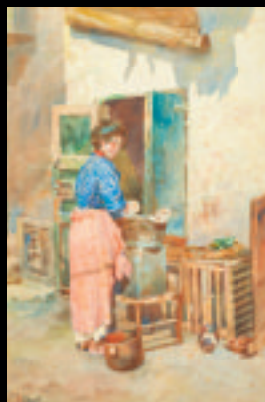
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Century old cartoons highlight of new museum exhibition



■ **LOOKING AHEAD:** Mr Gosling showing off cartoons to be exhibited

THE new season at Seaton Museum is set to feature a temporary exhibition called 'Items From the Archive'.

This will include a series of small cartoons, almost 100 years old, by Charlie Gibbons on the life of Beer resident Charlie Restorick. A series of postcards of Branscombe will also feature.

Museum curator Ted Gosling and his team are busy preparing the museum for the new season, which will begin in May on a date to be announced.

Another exhibition is based on wedding photos from back issues of *Pulman's Weekly News*, entitled *You Were Not Married in the 1960s Unless Your Wedding Photograph Was in Pulman's Weekly News*.

Mr Gosling praised everyone who had helped out

at, or visited, the museum during 2016.

In his curator's report for February, he looked back on last year, saying: "2016 was a difficult year for the museum with a big drop in visitors – 2,022 compared to 2,800 the previous year."

But visitors tended to stay longer and do more research than before.

Mr Gosling said: "We seem to have attracted people who are interested in local history, especially family trees, but missed out on the run-of-the-mill visitor, who probably visited Seaton Jurassic."

Axe Valley Heritage Association, which runs the museum, is looking for more stewards.

Anyone interested in this, or museum coach trip information, is asked to contact Jeff Taylor in the Sweet Heaven shop.

Film society pays tribute to Kathy

BEER Film Society is this week mourning the shock loss of one of its most dedicated committee members, Kathy Boorman, **writes KEVIN FAHEY.**

Kathy was literally the welcoming face of the society as she was the first person members and guests encountered when they turned up at Steamers Restaurant for the monthly Monday night film.

"Kathy sold the raffle tickets and was stationed just inside the front door so no-one got past her without buying a ticket!" said BFS chairman Martin Cox.

"She organised the whole thing herself and has literally raised hundreds of pounds to help keep the club on a sound financial footing over the past decade.

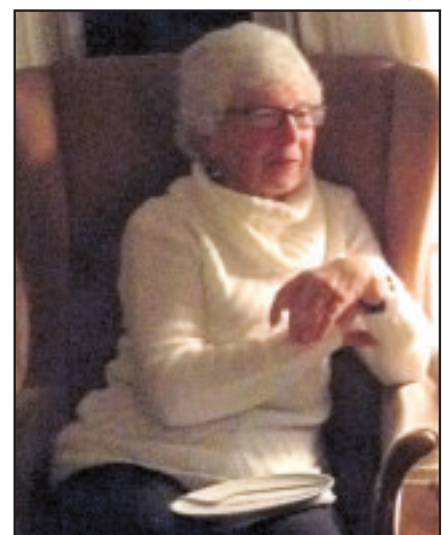
"She also sorted out the posters for every film, got them laminated and helped put them up around the village to let people know what was showing next.

"Everyone in the society is devastated and heartbroken by her sudden death which was so unexpected because she was such a fit and active lady.

"She will be terribly missed by us all and film nights won't be the same without her."

Kathy and her dog Dusty were regular sights around Beer and beyond as she used to walk miles every day. She worked enthusiastically on her allotment and frequently gave flowers to St Michael's Church and other produce to friends and neighbours.

She was also an active member of the University of the Third Age in Seaton, for which she acted as treasurer at one stage, was in-



■ **Kathy Boorman**

involved with the Beer Arts Group since its launch ten years ago, the Beer Horticultural Society and regularly played the organ at the Church of St Mary and St Peter in Salcombe Regis.

Kathy, who was in her late seventies, was found at home on Tuesday morning after police made a forced entry. She leaves behind three children, Graham, Verity and Diana, plus at least six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A post mortem was due to be held yesterday (Monday, January 30th).

Solicitors recognise long service at festive lunch

SOLICITORS Milford & Dormor have celebrated the loyalty and long service of some of their partners and staff.

Long-serving members received awards at the Christmas lunch held at the Lord-leaze Hotel, Chard.

The company has offices in Chard, Axminster, Seaton, Ilminster and Hemyock, and senior partner William Bennett, who has been with the firm for more than 40 years, said: "Whilst we continue to grow as a firm it remains integral to our

success that we identify and celebrate the achievements of these dedicated individuals.

"Their experience and knowledge has proven to be invaluable over the years and we believe this is something that our clients value greatly."



■ **LOYALTY:** Gifts were presented to: (from left to right) Nicola Bush (10 years), Pat Coates (25 years), Angela Kennedy (10 years), Colin Burdett (partner, 35 years), Dee Fazio (partner, 20 years), Judith Phillips (15 years) and Peta Melling (35 years)

Axminster's darkest day

FEBRUARY 3rd will mark the 100th anniversary of Axminster's darkest day of World War I.

Five men from the town, part of The 1st/4th (Territorial) Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment, were killed in a single action in Mesopotamia (Iraq).

The Mesopotamia campaign and Axminster's contribution to it will be featured by Axminster Heritage Centre when it opens for the new season in spring.

At the outbreak of war in 1914, Mesopotamia (largely the same territory as modern-day Iraq) was a province of the Ottoman Empire, and the purpose of landing a British and Indian force in Mesopotamia was to secure continuing access to the oilfields of southern Iraq and western Iran (Persia), and to oblige the Ottoman Army to send troops well

away from their European and Russian borders.

In the autumn of 1916 the British forces, including the 1st/4th Battalion, launched a concerted effort to re-capture Kut from the Ottoman Turks.

The offensive carried on into the following year and Axminster's worst day of World War I occurred on February 3rd.

During an attack on the Hai Salient in the Turkish line south of Kut five men from Axminster were killed: Sergeants Leonard William Lethaby and Frederick Charles Perham, and three Privates: Frederick W Coote and brothers Leslie Walter Sprague and Reginald Charles Sprague.

All except Sergeant Lethaby are buried in the Amara War Cemetery; his name is recorded on the Basra Memorial.

A spokesperson for Axminster Heritage said: "The Devonshire Regiment's losses in Mesopotamia (i.e. not just those of the 1st/4th Battalion) amounted to 437 deaths in total.

"Twelve of these were Axminster men, and another four whose names appear on the war memorials at Kilminster, Axmouth and Uplyme."

He also said that an account of the town's contribution to the Mesopotamia Campaign will be posted online at axminsterheritage.org shortly, and added: "It is clear that Axminster and its surrounds contributed disproportionately to the Mesopotamia campaign."

"We will also be featuring the Mesopotamia campaign as a whole in our 2017 displays."

District council withdraws appeal

EAST Devon District Council has taken the decision to withdraw its appeals against the Information Commissioner Office's decision, which ordered EDDC to release details of the bidding process for its council offices in Sidmouth and the contract it has with PegasusLife, the buyer of the site.

The council previously stated in November 2016 that the appeals were lodged due to the way the ICO handled these requests and because of the sensitivity of the information at that moment in time.

With the PegasusLife planning application having been refused, it is considered that this sensitivity has now been reduced and that publication of the information is acceptable.

In addition, the ICO, through the appeal process, has clarified that the council was right to question the way the decision was made and, as such, the council has

now obtained much needed clarity on the position relating to the confidentiality of tendering processes, not just for Knowle, but for all its commercial activities.

A spokesperson for the council said: "Mr Jeremy Woodward (a member of the public) has been provided with the information that he requested and copies of the documents in question will be available on the relocation pages on the East Devon website."

"The council would like to reaffirm its commitment to publishing information relating to the relocation project as and when it is appropriate to do so. The next tranche of paperwork, which covers up to September 2016, should be available online very shortly. Furthermore, we can confirm that there has been no cost to us - or East Devon taxpayers - for undertaking this appeals process. Each of the parties to the appeal agreed to bear their own costs and our costs were all internal."

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Young Farmers all set for busy year after their Boxing Day dip

by Anders Larsson
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MEMBERS of Axminster Young Farmers' Club have 'recovered' from jumping into the cold sea at Seaton on Boxing Day and are looking forward to a busy 2017.

The festive dip was part of the club's fundraising efforts for Dementia UK, and the total raised will be added to money generated from the forthcoming 'big breakfast'.

The club has also released tickets for its performance of 'Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures,' taking place on Saturday, February 4th at Chardstock Village Hall.

Tickets include a supper of bangers and mash, with doors opening at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

To book tickets for this event, contact Alice Gay on 07896 350748.



■ BRAVE: Mark Warren, Alice Gay, Gavin Herrod, Lucy Bailey and Josh Short in Seaton on Boxing Day

Arts cafe set to open on Sundays following Christmas Day meal

INSPIRED by a Christmas Day lunch, Axminster Arts Café will open on Sundays.

The decision was inspired by the success of the recent Christmas Day lunch held by Axminster Christmas Together.

Held for the second year for people who would otherwise

have spent Christmas Day alone, the lunch was a big hit.

Axminster Arts director Jenny Fells said: "Following the successful Christmas Day lunch in the Guildhall, organised by Axminster Together, Axminster Arts has decided to open the arts café on a Sunday.

"Several people have said to

us in the past that opening on a Sunday, which is arguably the loneliest day of the week for many people, is a popular idea. A warm and cosy welcome awaits everybody, whether they are a solo diner or part of a group."

Axminster Arts Café is open each Sunday from 10am - 2pm.



Soldiers' Charity fundraiser at Tesco

GENEROUS customers and staff at Tesco's Axminster branch supported ABF The Soldiers' Charity to the tune of £433 during a recent collection.

Members of the Devon fundraising committee and local veterans experienced first hand the generosity of local shoppers and staff.

A spokesperson for the charity said: "The collectors had wrapped up against the cold, but Tesco staff allowed them to collect inside the store.

"Showing great kindness and hospitality, the staff canteen also provided hot drinks during the day which was greatly appreciated.

"In all, just over £433 was collected to contribute to the work of the Army's National Charity, whose

motto is 'For Soldiers, For Life'.

"This money will be used to support serving soldiers, veterans and their immediate families in need across Devon and the South West."

Philip Hutchens from the charity's Exeter office said: "We really are very grateful to Tesco for their support and want to thank Alistair Ryan and his team for all their help.

"But especially we want to thank all the Tesco customers whose generosity is going to help members of the Army Family here in Devon."

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Cirrus Vape Shop arrives in Axminster

SATURDAY January 28th marked the arrival of a new shop in Axminster.

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Nick McCance and Carrie Tyers are the two people behind Cirrus Vape Shop, opened a vape shop in Honiton a year ago. Mr McCance explained the expansion by saying: "Travelling customers to the Honiton shop asked if we could open in Axminster."

Nick and Carrie looked into it and decided to go-ahead.

Cirrus Vape use tested liquids and stock that adhere to the latest regulations and warn customers to be aware of cheap imitation products that may potentially cause unnecessary harm.

Nick and Carrie would like to thank everyone for making them feel so welcome and they look forward to helping



the local community give up smoking. We hope the shop will make a good addition to the town and create jobs in the future.

Opening times are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 4.30pm and Sunday 11pm to 4pm. For more information you can ring Nick and Carrie on 01297 598097

Development team to put Seaton 'on the map'

PUTTING Seaton "on the map as the home of outdoor adventure and natural environment, and a place for art and culture" is a key task for the town development team.

Members of Seaton Town Development Team recently met to plan strategy, and say they will be working hard to enliven the town.

They plan to keep developing Seaton as a "vibrant town", working with organisations such as the newly formed Seaton Traders' Association, Seaton Chamber of Commerce, the town's attractions and sporting organisations.

Other projects include working on better signage, creating opportunities for footfall, promoting art and culture, undertaking marketing and promotion of the town, as well as staging a number of events.

The first event this year will be the annual Seaton Big Clean which takes place from 11am on Saturday, March 4th where everyone is invited to come and join them on the beach and streets of Seaton to help make the town look its best ahead of the main tourist season and the Grizzly.

During 2017, the team will also be working on Art@Jubilee, the Artisan Market, supporting a new Seaton Triathlon, continuing to support the Seaton Parkrun, and working on this year's Seaton Cycle Fest, which takes place on July 1st and 2nd, and promises to be "bigger and better" than ever.

Karin Frewin, marketing and events specialist for the town council and team co-ordinator, said: "We've got a great hard-working team and we've done some amazing projects in Seaton over the past few years.

"We're looking forward to working with everyone in Seaton this year to continue to boost footfall and create a vibrant town."

Seaton Town Development Team works under the remit of Seaton Town Council and was established in 2012 to increase awareness of Seaton, establish more events and attractive places for visitors and residents to enjoy, create an active town and encourage pride in the community.

More information about the STDT is available at www.seatondevon.org and www.facebook.com/SeatonTownDevTeam



■ ON THE MAP: Team members have drawn up a strategy

New associate priest licenced at Axmouth church

THE Rev'd Ann Stuckey was licenced as an associate priest in a service at St Michael's Church in Axmouth, which was officiated by the Bishop of Crediton, the Rt Rev'd Dame Sarah Mullally, *pictured right*.

The licensing took place on Sunday, January 15th, and Ann will work alongside the rector, the Rev'd Kate Woolven, developing the ministry at St Michael's and also supporting the work

at Uplyme Church.

A large congregation of about 150 people was present to welcome Ann, and a reception followed in the village hall.

The Rev'd Kate Woolven commented: "We are delighted to welcome Ann to Axmouth and to the mission community as a whole. I know her enthusiasm and experience will be a great support to us and I look forward to working with her."



Dog fouling rise on seafront and Harepath Road

SEATON mayor Cllr Marcus Hartnell and his fellow town councillors have heard that dog fouling incidents appear to have increased recently, in particular in Harepath Road and on the seafront.

The council employs a part time dog warden to issue fixed penalty notices, but also to inform and educate the community whilst on duty.

The fine for not picking up

your dog's mess is £80.

Cllr Hartnell asked for help from the public and said: "We take the offence of dog fouling very seriously.

"The dog warden cannot be everywhere, and we rely on members of the public to inform us of fouling hot spots so that we can target those areas with more patrols.

"The vast majority of dog owners are picking up, and I

would urge members of the public to contact the council if they suspect others are not doing the same so that we can take action."

Reports of dog fouling can be made by email to admin@seaton.gov.uk or by telephone on 01297 21388.

Alternatively, you can visit the council offices at Marshlands, which are open Monday to Thursday from 9am-2pm.



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Councillor wants social club money for community

COUNCILLOR Geoff Pook is working flat out to try to safeguard the assets of Beer Social Club for the benefit of the community.

Cllr Pook, who represents Beer and Branscombe on East Devon District Council and also sits on the parish council, wants the sale of the club, which folded last year, to be used for extra community housing for local people.

The club is now on the market with estate agents Richardson Gill with a guide price of £150,000 and bids have been requested by the end of the month.

But according to Cllr Pook that represents significant problems for the Beer Community Land Trust (CLT) which he helped set up to provide affordable housing in the village.

"Our Asset of Community Value application has gone into East Devon District Council (there are regulations to protect community assets against development) but that will take

by Kevin Fahey

time to go through," said Cllr Pook.

"We are talking to the estate agents and the social club committee and I know they have written to all 100 members asking whether they want to take the proceeds of the sale or donate it to the CLT.

"Some of the members are prepared to donate their share from the sale to the CLT but one or two on their own is not enough and we could do with half of the members agreeing to that.

"At the moment we are trying to put together a bid against the unknowns of what sort of grants we can get and how many members of the social club will support us – and we have to do that by then end of next week."

Cllr Pook admitted that the closure of the social club and the decision to sell the land, which

amounts to 0.15 acres, has stirred up a lot of emotion in the village.

"There is a lot of passion about this subject as a lot of people say it is a community asset that was originally donated to the community and for the current 100 members who were lucky enough to be members when it folded to take the value of the club for themselves is not morally right," added Cllr Pook.

"Someone came to see me who had been a member for 50 years and had just let it lapse. The benefits of the sale of Beer Social Club should go to the village because this is a great opportunity to provide small, affordable

homes for retired local people or starter homes for young people.

"I think it is morally wrong for people to take that money and we are trying to combat that."

Cllr Pook said the CLT would be able to provide eight or nine small units on the site and they would be distributed in the same way as the new homes on the fringe of the village on Quarry Lane in 2015.

"If a commercial builder bought the site he could apply to build five holiday homes and under current regulations none would have to be affordable housing for local people," warned Cllr Pook.

Recognition for Branscombe pub

A POPULAR East Devon village pub has just won an award in a prestigious national competition.

The renowned Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has named The Fountain Head in Branscombe as runner-up in the Exeter & East Devon region.

"That was a very nice surprise," said landlady Teresa Hoare, who lives in Beer and runs the pub with business partner John Woodley.

"We have just celebrated our tenth anniversary at the pub and this is the first time we have fin-

ished runner-up."

The pub serves beer from the micro Branscombe Vale Brewery which is also based in the village and with John, who is a Branscombe man born and bred, it is a genuine local success story.

"John handles all the beer side and I know Branscombe Vale Brewery have been very supportive of us," added Teresa.

"We have had our share of problems in the past five years with road closures and flooding so we are very proud that a little pub in

a small village can win an award like this.

"It proves we are doing something right – we are thrilled to bits!"



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Shute children re-enact WWII evacuation

SHUTE Primary School organised a World War II re-enactment trip for children in years 3 and 4 starting in Seaton.

Parents came to wave their children goodbye at the tramway terminus in Seaton.

Donning historical dress, the children then boarded a carriage and were taken to Colyton.

They arrived to find an evacuation-style collection point, from which the children embarked on

a walk of about 2.5 miles.

Head of teaching and learning Clare Rinaldi said: "The children and staff dressed up in war-time clothes with the essential gasmasks and address labels.

"Even their lunches were authentically wrapped in brown paper, some even had spam sandwiches. The tramway kindly put on a tram to take the children to Colyton.

"The wooden floorboards and

blankets made the experience even more believable.

"When we arrived at Colyton the children talked about how they felt waiting for the host family."

Eventually a kind host arrived and agreed to take all the children to their farm before they finished the exercise by walking the footpaths back to Shute.

Mrs Rinaldi said: "Many were surprised to hear that this dis-

tance would be quite normal for children in the 1930s and 40s, walking to and from school.

"It was an excellent experience for the children, who were able to really feel what it may have been like for children in World

War II."

"If you were evacuated to Dorset or Devon in the war, please contact head@shuteprimary.co.uk - we would love to hear about your experience."

A Seaton Tramway spokesper-

son said: "We were happy to host and provide the transport for Shute Primary School free of charge as it was a superb opportunity for the children to really experience what it may have been like to be an evacuee."



■ THE 'evacuees' having just said goodbye to their parents

Big turnout for tractor run

A RECORD entry helped ensure record takings for the annual New Year's Eve tractor run from Hawkchurch to Thorncombe along the back lanes.

No less than 52 tractors turned up, and the total raised was £1,010.


The run is organised by the Bartlett family and this year's chosen charity was the Beacon Cancer Support Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton.

This particular cause was chosen after the sad loss of Alan Downs, a close friend of Mike Bartlett senior.

Sue Bartlett praised everyone who supported the event in various ways, saying: "Thank you for turning up and supporting the tractor run."

She gave special mention to Thorncombe Sports and Social Club for facilitating lunch, and added: "Luckily we had good weather on New Year's Eve."





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Exciting year ahead for garden club

■ **HONITON GARDEN CLUB:** Following its AGM in January, Honiton Garden Club launches its programme for 2017 with a real treat on Thursday, February 16th when Lady Christine Skelmersdale comes to talk about 'Year Round Bulbs in the Garden'. The club meets in the narthex of St Paul's Church, Honiton at 6.30pm.

Christine Skelmersdale has been an enthusiastic gardener since childhood and has been the managing director of Broadleigh Gardens, a nursery which has specialised in smaller bulbs, woodland and foliage plants for 40 years.

She is a keen plant photographer with an extensive library of slides and also an inspirational speaker, lecturing widely in Britain and overseas both on gardening topics and plants in the wild.

Author of 'Creative Gardening with Bulbs' (1989), she writes articles and reviews for, among others,

The Garden, The Daily Telegraph, Gardeners' World Magazine and, in July 2012, published 'Gardener's Guide to Bulbs'.

She was a member of the Council of the Royal Horticultural Society for 11 years and a member of the Gardens Committee, with special responsibility for Rosemoor, for 12 years. Christine is also vice chairman of the Bulb Committee and a member of the Daffodil and Tulip Year Book Committee.

The club's programme for the rest of the year includes a variety of speakers on topics as varied as propagation, house plants, and edible gardening as well as three day long trips to places of interest to gardeners. A full programme is available in St Paul's Church.

Visitors are welcome to every meeting, which is held on the third Thursday of the month, and membership details are available by calling 01404 548709.

Bringing back the days of steam

■ **THORNCOMBE RAIL ACTIVITIES CLUB:** Following a short AGM, the club welcomed Amyas Crump who provided an animated and well illustrated talk.

He first covered some of the final days of steam in the Southern region, including interesting historic views of Winchester Chesil station in Southern Region days, shortly before its final closure.

Other historic views of steam in Hampshire followed.

The audience's railway knowledge was then severely tested when Amyas shared some of the slides from his extensive collection of historic railway scenes for

which he has no details.

Most were unable to be identified and remain a mystery; however two slides were clearly identified by audience members.

Following the break for tea and cake, Amyas took us on a detailed tour - with their history - of two local branch lines, long since closed.

Firstly we visited the branch line from Axminster to Lyme Regis, stopping at the stations en route, including a detailed look at the historic early concrete viaduct at Cannington.

We then moved a short way down the main line to the former Seaton Junction, from where the

branch line to Seaton departed.

Some interesting historic views showing the changes at Seaton Junction over the years were shown, before we took a trip down the line to Seaton, stopping at the intermediate stations.

Comparative views of Colyton station showed it in the early days, in the last days of steam and in its present re-incarnation as the terminus of the Seaton Tramway.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15th, when Philip Bisatt will give an illustrated talk on 'Ireland in the Nineties'.



Church friends donate to organ fund

A £15,000 fundraising campaign was boosted when The Friends of St Michael's Chapel of Ease in Colyford presented a £1,000 cheque to the church committee.

The organ has "packed up" and a fundraising campaign has been started so that a replacement can be bought as soon as possible.

The cheque was presented by friends trea-

surer Wendy Mills to chapel warden Vicky Mills on Friday, January 27th.

Also in the photo are Barbara Eavis (seated), Mary Gray, Albert Nicholson and Margaret Nicholson.

Anyone interested in supporting the fundraising campaign can find contact information on the notice board outside the church.

If you have a story for Colyton or Colyford, call Francesca Evans on 01297 446154 or email francesca@viewnews.co.uk

FORCE thank Premier store



THE Axe Valley Friends of FORCE have thanked staff and customers of Premier Colyton Stores after their latest collection tin was counted.

The collection raised £230.54 for the charity FORCE, which supports the Oncology and Radiotherapy Centre at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

A special thank you certificate was presented to shop owner Rosemary Taylor by FORCE supporters Jenny and Mervyn (pictured above).

Bingo nights in aid of hospital friends

CASH bingo evenings will be held in Colyford Memorial Hall on aid of the Friends of Seaton Hospital @ Home.

The weekly bingo evenings will be held every Tuesday starting tonight (Tuesday, January 31st), from 7.45pm. Ample free parking is available.

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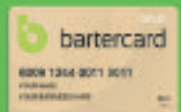
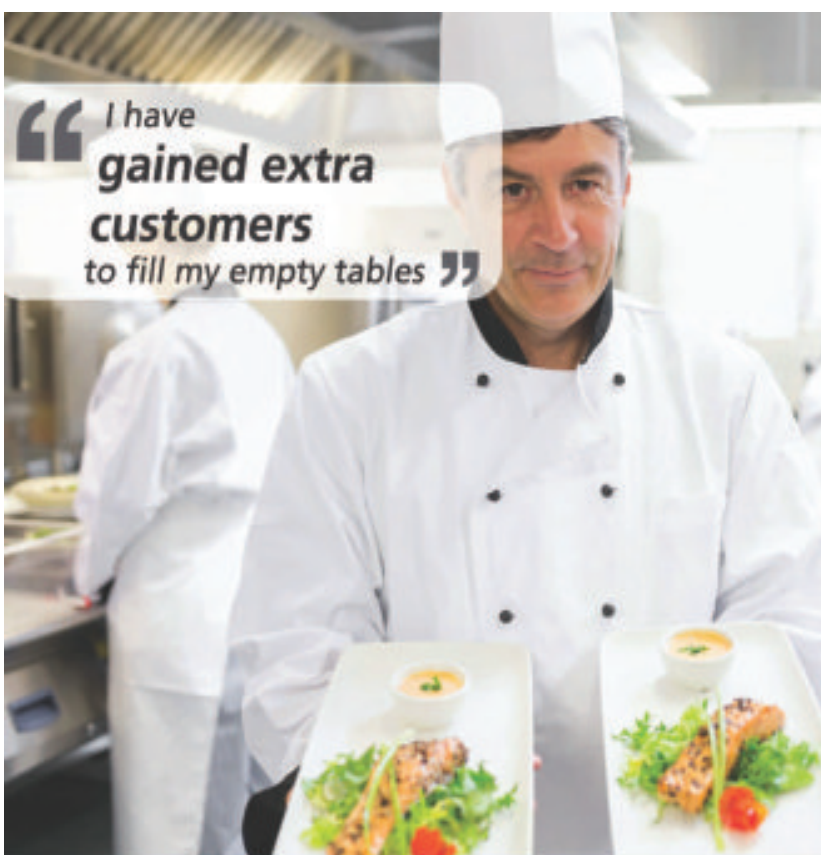
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Seventies-style 'Pandora' delights Membury

PANTOMIME REVIEW
by Nicky Sweetland

OVER the last few years the Membury Merry-makers have transformed some rather unusual stories into original pantomimes, with very entertaining results.

For this year's show, writer Nat Bruzon tackled the Greek legend of Pandora's Box, but ingeniously set the story in the 1970s and infused the fable with some classic tunes and psychedelic costumes.

All of the required elements were thrown in, including an abundance of audience participation and, with the rivals from the next village in attendance, many of the local quips were met with a torrent of barracking and banter, particularly after interval libations.

Banished to '70s 'Memburia' by the mighty Zeus, the lesser gods, Prommy and Epi – played with verve by Sam Dare and Kirsten McIlroy – were tasked with protecting a magical chest, but on Pandora's 18th birthday the curiosity of the villagers becomes overpowering and the box is unlocked, releasing a pair of evil witches intent on infecting the world with deadly illness.

Lynette Burrough was masterfully malevolent as the evil witch Disease, while Robbi Robson was the perfect stooge as her trainee, Symptoms.

The pair extracted a profusion of boos from the crowd and worked well as the antithesis to the youthful good fairies, delightfully depicted by Imy Payne, Evelyn Burrough and Emma Yapp.

Ron Martin, as Harris Tottle, drove the narrative with an experienced air and Henry Dare showed excellent comedy potential as the 'long arm of the law', Billy Baboony, with both characters ensuring rules were adhered to in the hope that a happy ending would result, which obviously it did.

With the evil eventually banished, Pandora – confidently portrayed by Lauren Shepherd – achieved happiness with her beloved instrumentalist Horatio, who was given a witty edge by the charismatic Lydia Hartnell.

Director Jason Hawkes – completely at home when interacting with the audience – donned garish garb to add glamour to proceedings, and Kaci and Tyler Payne switched between multiple roles with ease.

In a last-minute cast change, writer Nat Bruzon got in on the action and even fended off an onstage nose bleed to ensure the show continued, while Judy Martin, Jill Bellamy, Angela Stride and Janet Andrew gave excellent succour and made sure the youngsters weren't the only ones having fun.

The exuberant cast admirably sang their way through pantomime classic, including *There's a Hole in my Bucket* and *Goodness Gracious Me* as well as enthusiastically crooning some by-gone chart toppers like *Daydream Believer* and *Sealed with a Kiss*.

The gathered throng was whipped into frenzy when the ensemble embarked on a traditional Greek

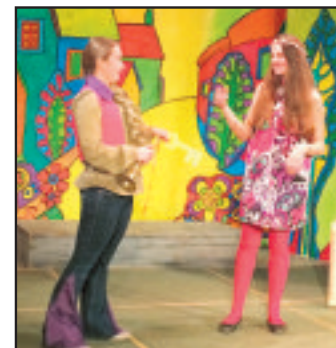
Zorba, with the tempo increasing in rapidity under the watchful eye of virtuoso Richard Barrell, excellently supported by Flora McIlroy and Jamie Waplington.

Special mention must go to Molly Barrell, who – with a few first night jitters – played a pivotal role as the prompt.

It's great to see a community theatre group which is so well supported and we can look forward to seeing which traditional tale is given the Membury makeover next year.

CAST: Harris Tottle - Ron Martin; Prommy - Sam Dare; Epi - Kirsten McIlroy; Pandora - Lauren Shepherd; Horatio - Lydia Hartnell; Terry Cota - Judy Martin; Terra Cota - Jill Bellamy; Billy Baboony - Henry Dare; Disease - Lynette Burrough; Symptoms - Robbi Robson; Hope - Imy Payne; Clara - Evelyn Burrough; Dora - Emma Yapp; Jock - Tyler Payne; Flora Blunder - Kaci Payne; Bella Stead - Angela Stride; Mr Right - Janet Andrew; Auntie Biotic - Nat Bruzon; Mrs Horn - Jason Hawkes; Caster - Judy Martin; Pollux - Jason Hawkes; Greek Boy - Kaci Payne.

CREATIVES: Written by Nat Bruzon; Director - Jason Hawkes; Production team - Jason Hawkes, Nat Bruzon, Richard and Molly Barrell, Robbi Robson and Kirsten McIlroy; Producer and Merry-makers Chairman - Nigel Cook; Production Coordinators - Robbi Robson and Kirsten McIlroy; Musical Director - Richard Barrell; Musicians - Flora McIlroy and Jamie Waplington; Prompt - Molly Barrell; Wardrobe - Molly Barrell; Stage crew - Rose Shepherd and cast; Set design - Kirsten McIlroy; Lighting and sound - Mike Beaman and Sebastian Hallett; Prop masters - Ron and Judy Martin, Prop makers - Judy and Ron Martin, Jason Hawkes and Kirsten McIlroy; Publicity, poster, tickets and programme - Kirsten McIlroy; Tickets - Terry Worsley; Set painting - Sam Dare, Judy and Ron Martin, Jill Bellamy, Luan MacDonald, Henry Dare, Kaci Payne, Robbi Robson, Nigel Cook, Lorraine and Douglas Fairbank, Duncan and Barbara MacKinder, Jason Hawkes and Kirsten McIlroy; Chaperones - Julie Payne and Marilyn Burrough; Front of House team - Anne Shepherd, Bill Shepherd, Julie Hawkins, Barbara MacKinder, Val Clarke, David Warner, Amanda Cook, Keith Griffin; Raffle - Caroline Croucher; Cast refreshments - Julie Payne; Bar - The Meeting Place; Box office-Membury Post Office.



Proper use of the NHS

■ SOME time ago Mr Michael Wilton was sent a letter about how the NHS will need to change in the future. I agree with him and so I am not a bit surprised the NHS is in such a mess financially. Unfortunately over time it has become international but it wasn't meant to treat nearly the whole world.

Katherine Murphy has written a letter this week in one of the daily papers. She is the chief executive of the Patients' Association and says it is shocking that so many costs have been left unpaid by our visitors from overseas. In just one year £33million and this is without an American woman who came here to have her multiple birth babies because it was cheaper than in the USA. She was given a bill for £26,000. That was two years ago, still unpaid.

If these people were made to pay before their treatment perhaps our NHS wouldn't be in such a mess. £33million in one year is a lot of money.

Makes you think, doesn't it?

JEAN BRIGHT,
Honiton

Generous shoppers

■ HOSPISCARE Support Group Honiton would like to thank all the shoppers on December 22nd who supported the cause when we collected at Tesco Honiton branch. You were so generous in your donations and we raised £898.16 on the day.

We also thank all the kind Tesco staff for being so friendly and helpful and allowing us to be at their shop collecting.

The money collected will be used in the support of our marvellous nurses in Honiton and the surrounding areas, also in the upkeep of our day centre at Kings House, Honiton which has proved to be so successful.

MRS M BOLSHAW,
Chairman

■ AS the government moves relentlessly and shamelessly to blaming different individuals and groups for the chaotic NHS that they have created, I await the condemnation of Attlee. It was, of course, he and his cunning friends who set the trap for a future Conservative government.

Meanwhile, I realise that it is only time before I am blamed. Yes, I confess, it is my fault. I was obliged to test A&E facilities at Exeter in the middle of the night. I was, of course, treated admirably and a minor operation was entirely successful. However, my relief and pleasure that I had been restored to what seems like normal was clouded by the realisation of the costs incurred.

The money spent on me could have been used to finance higher salaries for those who are already overpaid. It could also have been diverted to uneconomic vanity projects and expenditure on umpteen other schemes that do absolutely nothing to help those elderly and frail people who need proper health services that should be available from

one of the world's largest economies. I realise that it is more important to save old buildings and a few minutes on a train journey than people's lives and health. That is why my guilt is overwhelming and I apologise for causing money to be wasted on my health. I can but hope that my guilt does not lead to psychiatric problems as I do not want to be responsible for wasting more money on the NHS.

PHILIP ALGAR,
West Hill

Across the pond

■ IT'S funny how they all have gone Across the pond to Washington. Johnson, Gove and Nigel Farage For a trade deal humbly harass, With their begging bowl in place 'Monstg other foreign delegates. And if one brings a trade deal back No doubt a knighthood will attract. Though me I think I'd wait awhile Until a deal was reconciled. 'Cos what Trump means when he opens his mouth Seems entirely different to what comes out.

DEREK STURCH,
by email

The spread of sika

■ MAY I add to your article on Sika deer of January 18th.

I first reported to the then Forestry Commission seeing five Sika on Harry Hall Plantation, Trinity Hill in 1983. One was culled in St Mary's in the autumn of that year. The FC were intent on trying to prevent their spread but since then they have been seen singly or in groups – up to nine stags – ever since on the Nature Reserve and surrounds. Reference to the British Deer Society web site (www.bds.org.uk) shows the distribution of deer in the UK from two surveys in 2007 and 2011. Both show Sika on the Devon / Dorset border emanating from the large population in the Purbecks. There is another survey taking place at present. Sika have also been involved in road traffic accidents in Wilmington and on Tytherleigh Hill in the early 90s, one attended by myself and the other by one of my partners.

GRAHAM GODBEER,
Axminster

The views expressed in letters are those of the author and not necessarily of this newspaper

The role of councillors

■ THE New Year message from Councillor Paul Divani, Leader of East Devon District Council, was hardly reassuring.

He tells us 'we must evolve from being service providers and instead become enablers' so that 'communities... can do more for themselves'.

Why must we? This sounds less like an elected member accountable to his community than a mouthpiece for a government facing constant crisis in health and social care, mental health, housing, prisons and many other withering public services.

For example, Cllr Divani's lame statement 'we must deliver the £2.6 millions savings as central government require us to make'.

Far from sounding 'ambitious' this sounds like a craven retreat from local government.

Under this edict taxpayers pay more but get less while commercial enablers enrich themselves or walk away from a failed contract, as NSL did with local non-emergency hospital transport.

If councils no longer manage and deliver services who are these people who will 'do more for themselves' but still have to pay council tax?

And do we need a new Council HQ if

Thanks after fall

■ MANY thanks to the good people who stopped to ask if they could assist me after my fall along Vale Lane, Axminster, on Thursday lunchtime. It has put my faith back in human nature.

DOREEN FINDLAY,
Axminster

local councils are reduced to being bean counters and outsourcers?

TONY SIMPSON,
Honiton

Café or creche?

■ THERE appears to be a small minority of mothers who are under the misapprehension that certain cafes in Honiton are suitable venues for their children to run amok amidst customers and staff, often carrying very hot drinks.

The before-school mothers seem to me to be the worst offenders, in both Costa and Coffee 1. They order and then promptly go outside for a cigarette leaving the children inside, unattended, and assuming that the café staff will administer unpaid child care in their absence.

This sort of neglectful and irresponsible behaviour is an accident waiting to happen.

If little 'Skye' or 'Harrison' happens to get scolded by a hot drink whilst unsupervised then it will of course be someone else's fault and, by the way, good luck in attempting to raise this possibility to said mothers.

I have an idea which could reduce any potential café catastrophes, it may be a bit radical for some but here goes, engage with your children, forego the cigarettes and the constant checking of your phone, I promise you they will appreciate it and who knows you may get something out of it too.

R WATTS,
by email

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Food is freshly prepared in our kitchen daily and with a Build Your Own Burger section and modern pub classics featuring on the menu, plus an ever changing specials board, the Windwhistle offers something for every person's pallet. Dietary requirements are easily catered for with many vegetarian and gluten free options available as standard.

Our Valentines menu offers some mouth-watering main courses and decadent puddings and will run alongside our normal full menu from Friday 11th February until Saturday 18th February so plenty of chance to take advantage of it.

A perfect spot for a romantic evening or meal with family and friends, the Windwhistle caters for all ages and tastes. But don't take our word for it - come and see for yourself!



Haselbury Mill

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Treat your loved one to a 7 course Valentines meal at Somerset's iconic Haselbury Mill. Whether

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## Did you know ...



THE saint we celebrate on Valentine's Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because Valentinus -from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful - was a popular name between the second and eighth centuries AD, several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof.

VALENTINE is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things. Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and travelling. As you

might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

YOU can find Valentine's skull in Rome. The flower-adorned skull of St Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St Valentine.

THE medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Fowles," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's Feast Day.

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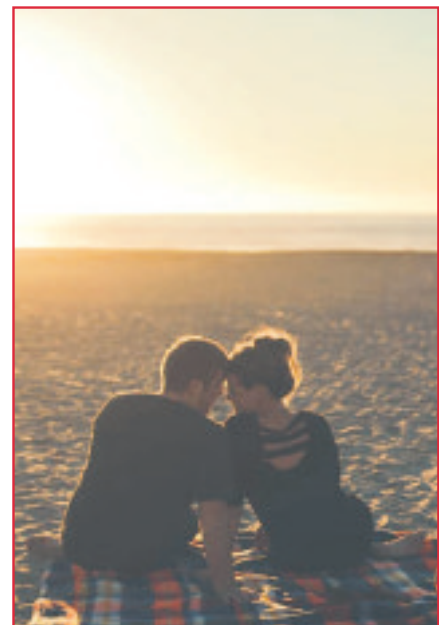
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If possible, go on a date with your spouse to a restaurant that you enjoyed when you first met.

On individual note cards, write why you love your spouse. Insert these cards in a small photo album. You could begin your album with a honeymoon picture and introductory note card, and end it with a love note.

Take your partner on a scavenger hunt. Ask him/her to answer riddles to find the clues to items that you placed somewhere around town. The last item should give instructions that lead to your Valentine's Day activities.

Hide little heart sweets in your spouse's coat, car, etc.

If you are separated across the miles, send a parcel filled with things that your partner loves.

Surprise your spouse by asking for a day off from work and enjoy Valentine's Day at home. Have a relaxing morning together. Then go to a favorite restaurant for lunch.

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Feeling the Winter Blues? Are you tired

and run down, or feeling sad and feel unable to work/function properly? Is everything getting just too much?

We know that the winter is a difficult time for many. Many consider us lucky to live here in the West Country; it is without doubt, a wonderful place to be when the sun shines. The great beauty, and amazing countryside, is a joy, but the long winter months, cold and continuous wind, along

with heavy rain and a few wet miserable summers have made things harder for many, feelings of tiredness and lethargy with no energy, leave some with very little to feel good about.

If this is you, you may be suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). If we add this to the busy pace of modern life, we can find ourselves on the spiraling scale of stress anxiety and even depression.

Awaking in the early morning to a cold house. Perhaps you didn't sleep too well, because of worries and stress?

Looking out of the window you see yet another grey wet and windy day that makes you want to retreat back under the duvet.

SAD, is a condition that affects many people who otherwise have a normal cheery disposition and who start to feel low seemingly for no apparent reason, experiencing lethargy and depressive symptoms as the days grow shorter and darker.

These symptoms are usually temporary, and for many people, often clear up as the seasons change, however if stress continues it can become the onset of more longer lasting anxiety and low mood shift.

Our internal 'body clock' is regulated by the amount of light hitting the retina. The short, dark winter days appear to trigger a reduction of serotonin, (thought to regulate happiness, well-being, mood etc.) and increase levels of melatonin (typically only released at night to facilitate sleep).

There are many different treatments for SAD:

The symptoms can include:

- Depression, anxiety and/or low mood
- Sleep problems: difficulty getting up, feeling constantly tired, needing an daytime nap
- Increased appetite: Overeating, cravings for carbohydrate rich or high fat foods
- Feeling anti-social or emotionally dis-

connected

- Finding it difficult to cope with daily tasks, struggling to concentrate
- Diminished libido and relationship difficulties

If you identify with any of the above, this may all sound like doom and gloom, but there is a very good solution which can yield fast sustainable results and that can help permanently overturn SAD and it is the use of Hypnotherapy.

In addition to using hypnotherapy there are also plenty of other things you should do too, to help yourself further.

I recommend hypnotherapy be used as a natural complement to self-help because through the use of the intervention of hypnosis it allows you to make permanent and positive changes at a subconscious level which is where many of our problems lay that affect our unconscious behaviours.

#### What you can do to help yourself

Expose yourself to sunlight to boost serotonin. Get outdoors or use a lamp especially developed for SAD therapy.

Take regular exercise. Physical activity helps to lift a low mood; 30 minutes of walking, jogging or cycling have been shown to raise serotonin levels. Eat a balanced diet.

#### Why choose hypnotherapy for the treatment of S.A.D?

Hypnotherapy is a powerful way to resolve negative emotions like fear, guilt and anger. The fewer emotional barriers there are in our lives the less emotional stress.

Using hypnosis can help successfully manage stress and negative thought patterns, identifying and exploring/resolving emotional or psychological blocks that may be triggered by SAD and other anxiety or depressive states.

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self-esteem whilst bringing in new feelings of positivity, motivation and general confidence.

This in turn will help bring in a more naturally relaxed state that will lead to better sleep patterns.

If you have never been hypnotised before, rest assured it is a natural phenomena, everyone drifts into a different focus of attention, it is worth knowing that most people find the whole experience pleasant and relaxing. It's very much like guided daydreaming. Hypnosis has no unpleasant side effects; in fact it can leave you feeling like you have more energy. Just remember that no one can make you do anything you don't want to do.

Michelle works with the treatment of many clinical & emotional problems, and has helped clients successfully deal with stress and anxiety, fears, phobias and panic attacks etc.

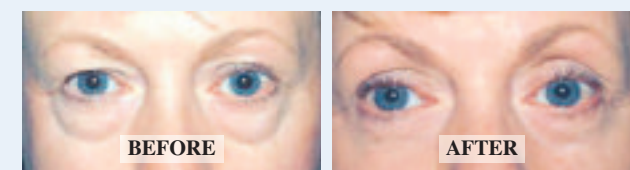


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**Lindy Parry**  
Podiatrist / Chiropodist

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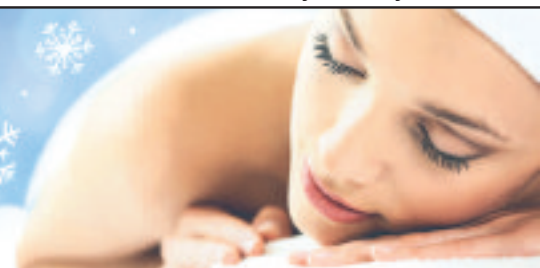
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## The Foot Friendly Clinic

THE Foot Friendly Clinic is based in Miltons Yard, a small shopping area behind the Barclays bank in West Street, Axminster. Mary McPadden worked as a registered nurse (RGN) in the NHS for many years, before training as a Chiropodist/Podiatrist. Mary is registered with The Health and Care Professions Council (the government body which regulates health care professionals in the UK) and has been practising in the local area since 2001.

Mary specializes in the management and treatment of foot disorders and offers simple orthotics at reasonable prices as well as a range of footcare products. The aim of The Foot Friendly Clinic is to make clients comfortable and at ease whilst finding efficient solutions to their problems. Mary also visits care homes and works in the local community. If you would like to make an appointment please call into Unit 3 at Miltons Yard or phone 01297 625515 or 07946213310. The clinic is very accessible for customers with mobility problems.



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SLIMMING World groups in Honiton, Ottery St Mary, Axminster and Seaton have celebrated the start of Free Food February, which is named after the healthy 'Free Foods' its member can enjoy without weighing, counting or measuring when losing weight on Slimming World's Food Optimising eating plan.

Free Food February is being held in all 16,000 Slimming World groups up and down the UK from January 29th to February 25th, and aims to show how the organisation's members lose weight without hunger and often discover (or rediscover) a love of cooking. It coincides with the publication of Slimming World's latest recipe book Free and Easy\*.

Members of the groups, created a delicious feast for the event. The slimmers each brought along a dish made entirely from 'Free Foods', which include fruit and veg, pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat, fish, eggs and more, showing that Slimming World members never need to suffer the hunger pangs that usually see people

challenged one another to share their new love of healthy food with the local community, including cooking for their families, hosting dinner parties for their friends and making nibbles for their colleagues. They'll also use #FreeFoodFeb when sharing their delicious dishes on social media.

For more information about Free Food February or your local groups please call Sharon on 07963337178.



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**Bodywork:** What is Bodywork and how can it help you? - Explore this fascinating subject and develop an exciting new relationship with your body and your inner self. You could start by investigating the range of bodywork classes available at Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre. Some classes such as qigong are on a 'pay as you go' and 'drop in' basis; others need to be booked before the series of classes start. Our website shows days and times of all bodywork courses and classes www.axminsterwellbeing.com and our bodywork teachers are always happy to answer your questions.

**Book now for the next Mindfulness Course:** Mindfulness for Health and Wellbeing is an 8 week Course for stress management and personal growth. It starts on Thursday 23rd February 2017 and there is a 'taster' on 18th February 2017. Find out more about what is involved and make sure it's right for you. Contact Kath Woods: 01404 831605 or email: kath.woods2012@gmail.com

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**Community Projects:** Are you a new mum? - The Centre will be running a unique 'Me Time for New Mums' 4 week course starting in April. It's all about personal styling blended with Mindfulness. Curious? Call 01297 32331 to book or to find out more. Course dates are: 20th April, 27th April, 4th May and 11th May from 7pm - 9pm. Course fee is by donation.

Axminster Food Bank would like to thank the community for your continued donations. If you are in need of the Food Bank service it is important that you bring your referral letter with you or ensure that your referrer has contacted the Food Bank in advance. Referrals are accepted from the following: Education Support Workers, Head Teachers, the Job Club, Health Care Workers, Citizens Advice, East Devon District Council and Ministers.

Wishing Well social group is for people affected by cancer.

## Wishing Well

New Talks, Thursdays 2:30pm

Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre

16th Feb - Citizens advice

2nd March - Duncan's Unctions

www.axminsterwellbeing.com

The group meets on a Thursday from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. New members are very welcome as are new speakers and workshop leaders. Forthcoming talks, which are open to all:

16th Feb - Citizens Advice, 2nd March - Duncan's Unctions, 16th March - Mindfulness Taster and 23rd March - Prostate cancer awareness

If you have a skill or interest you would like to share please do get in touch. The group have enjoyed art and craft workshops, story writing workshops and painting and are interested to try new activities. Please call 01297 32331 and ask to speak with the Centre Manager. www.axminsterwellbeing.com

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## Clean Eating Alice's 5 Top Tips for Embracing Healthy Living in 2017

by Harriet Pavey, Press Association

CLEAN Eating Alice (real name Alice Liveing) is the self-transformed health blogger determined to dispel the 'diet myths' that drag us down.

She's taken Instagram by storm with her accessible take on healthy living, amassing nearly half a million followers in just a few short years.

At just 23, she's graced the cover of Women's Health magazine (her "lifelong ambition"), authored food and fitness guide *The Body Bible* - which went straight to the top of the bestsellers charts in early 2016, and has just published her second book, *Eat Well Every Day*.

The hotly-anticipated follow-up tackles the space where healthy eating is hardest: the kitchen. "I always feel like food is most people's issue," says Alice. "A lot of people know how to train, but diet is where they slip up."

There might be plenty of abs, avocados (naturally), inspirational messages and 'before and after' photos on her Insta feed, but Alice's approach stands out, and radiates inclusivity. This is probably because Alice used to be just like us...

Though never really overweight, she ate pretty



Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Body Bible*

Clean Eating Alice  
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badly and yo-yo dieted after leaving home for university, leaving her "uncomfortable in my own skin". "I was the antithesis of what I am now," she says.

After deciding to overhaul her habits, little did she imagine she'd end up an Instagram fitspo star - but that's exactly what happened, and Alice is determined to help others achieve the same.

Here are her top five tips...

**FORGET FAD DIETS:** Alice now admits this is a big part of where she was going wrong in the past. "It wasn't that I didn't want to be healthy, but I really struggled with actually knowing what to do to achieve that. I bought into every diet myth going," she says. "The most important thing I ever did was switch off from that stuff. I focused on building a good relationship with food and creating a sustainable change in my diet."

**START THE DAY RIGHT:** Spring into the New Year nutritiously: "Start by switching up your breakfast. I think it's a place that many of us fall down on, but if you start the day well, you'll have better intentions to continue the day well, rather than starting the day with a rubbish breakfast and then craving something sugary, or not having it at all."

**TRY SOMETHING NEW:** Finding the motivation to exercise in the winter months is challenging, but it's all about making new habits: "It's difficult; obviously it's cold, wet, and miserable. Find an exercise that you're going to stick to. If you do hate the cold and you're a runner, find something indoors that you enjoy doing. If you train a certain way in the summer and enjoy it, but lack motivation when winter comes around, finding something new that will reignite your passion to get up and get active. Partnering up can be a way of maintaining motivation. Find a training buddy, so it's not just you on your own."

**BALANCE - DON'T DETOX:** As a champion of #StrongNotSkinny, Alice is not a fan of detoxes: "They're unsustainable and potentially dangerous. They don't allow you to create any sort of knowledge of how to eat well. They just tell you what to do for a short period of time, then after that what do you do?" Instead, she advises keeping certain essentials in your

kitchen, so you always have ingredients to whip up a quick, fresh, meal: "Some sort of greens, like broccoli, cauliflower, or leaves, and fish like salmon and cod, as well as beans, pulses, lentils, and quinoa."

**BE KIND TO YOURSELF:** Rest is just as important as hard work, Alice says: "I train about four or five times a week. Not every day. I'm a huge advocate of rest. I need to incorporate rest into my week so that I can rest my body, let it recover, and just have some mental headspace as well. Sofa days are just as important as active days. Stress levels are for me an important thing I need to keep a check on, as raised stress can be detrimental to achieving your goals." Occasional treats are fine too: "I have treats every now and then. I don't want people to think I live this saintly life, where I just eat good food! It's important to eat a balanced diet, and to have things you really enjoy, like chocolate."

• Clean Eating Alice: *Eat Well Every Day* by Alice Liveing is published by Harper Thorsons, priced £14.99 - Available now.

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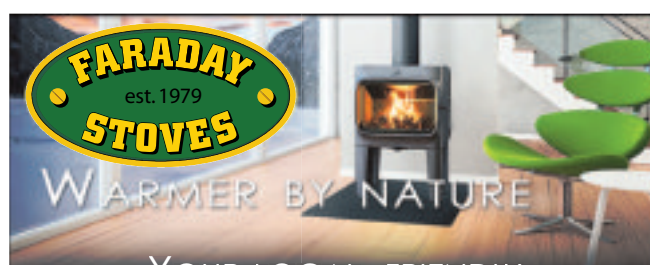
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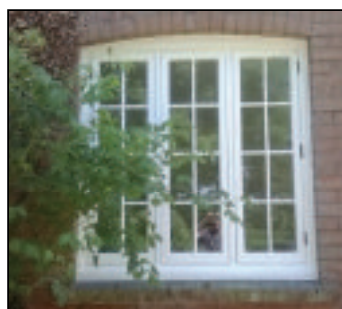
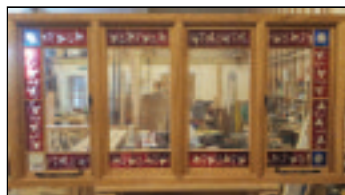
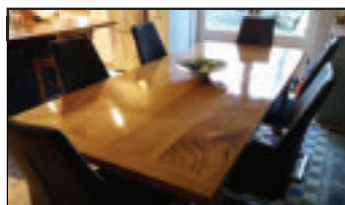
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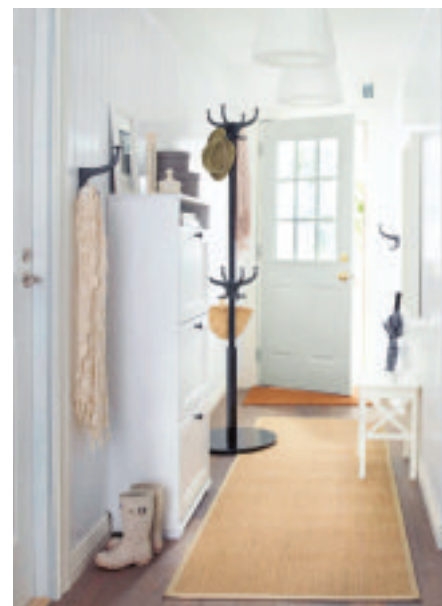
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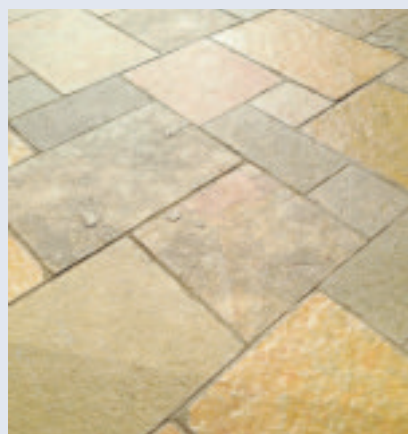
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## SENSATIONAL SNOWDROPS

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

IT'S snowdrop season, when garden organisations nationwide open their gates to the public to enjoy these little white beauties in all their glory.

More than 80 gardens will open their gates for the National Gardens Scheme snowdrop festival during February, some growing as many as 300 different varieties, others mixing the displays with hellebores and early spring flowers ([www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)).

Meanwhile, the National Trust also has a raft of gardens at which you can see snowdrops in all their glory, some of which feature snowdrop weekends, festivals and other attractions ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)).

Here are just a few of the places you can go to see snowdrops at their finest:

#### • Newham Park, Gloucestershire

Visitors can enjoy the park's Spectacular Snowdrop Weekend on February 4 and 5, when snowdrop drifts mingle with aconites and cyclamen to give an impressive show ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park)).

#### • Austwick Hall, North Yorkshire

Set in the dramatic limestone scenery of the Dales, this garden on a steep hillside offers extensive drifts of common single and double snowdrops, while sculptures along the trail add interest. As part of the National Gardens Scheme, in which owners open their gardens to raise money for nursing and caring charities, Austwick will open on Wednesday, February 22. Further open days are on February 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 ([www.austwick-hall.co.uk](http://www.austwick-hall.co.uk)).

#### • Dunham Massey, Cheshire

The seven-acre winter garden at Dunham Massey is the largest of its kind in the UK. Since it opened in 2009, more than 200,000 double and single snowdrops have been planted, which now create a shimmering white carpet from late December to early February. Keep an eye out for other early spring flowers while you're there, including striking blue winter irises and bright daffodils ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey)).

#### • Altamont Gardens, Co. Carlow

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more than 40 acres. The estate gains much of its character from the many mature trees and woodland areas. The snowdrop collection, widely recognised as the second largest in Ireland, was started by Corona North, former owner of the gardens, around 30 years ago and now has more than 100 named varieties ([www.carlowtourism.com/altamont-gardens](http://www.carlowtourism.com/altamont-gardens)).

#### • Saltram, Devon

Standing high above the River Plym with magnificent views across the estuary, Saltram's 500 acres of rolling parkland and woodland provide the perfect setting for a stunning snowdrop display. As the snowdrops frame the pathways, take a stroll and explore the tranquil garden, 18th century orangery and magnificent lime avenue. Bring the whole family back in February to plant your own snowdrops with the garden team ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/saltram](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/saltram)).

#### • Castle Kennedy Gardens, Stranraer

Enjoy the beautiful swathes of snowdrops and spring bulbs on the woodland walks and lochside drives during the Snowdrop Festival every weekend from February 4 to March 26 at Castle Kennedy Gardens. Created in the 16th century and extensively landscaped with terraces, mounds and avenues, the gardens now encompass more than 75 acres and house spectacular collections of rhododendrons and champion trees ([castlekennedygardens.com](http://castlekennedygardens.com)).

#### • Dudmaston Estate, Shropshire

This beautiful 17th century house with wooded parkland and sweeping gardens will be holding snowdrop weekends on February 18-19 and 25-26. Enjoy a family walk through the Dingle where the snowdrops will be in full bloom ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dudmaston](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dudmaston)).

#### • Wallington, Northumberland

For the past two years, visiting families have planted more than 200,000 snowdrops at Wallington, and a further 100,000 will be planted this February half-term. As well as the common variety, Wallington's snowdrop display includes a few specials. The less common varieties include the Northumbrian 'Sandersii' group which has sulphur-yellow markings instead of green, and the pretty 'Flore Pleno' with double the number of petals. Open from February 13 ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington)).

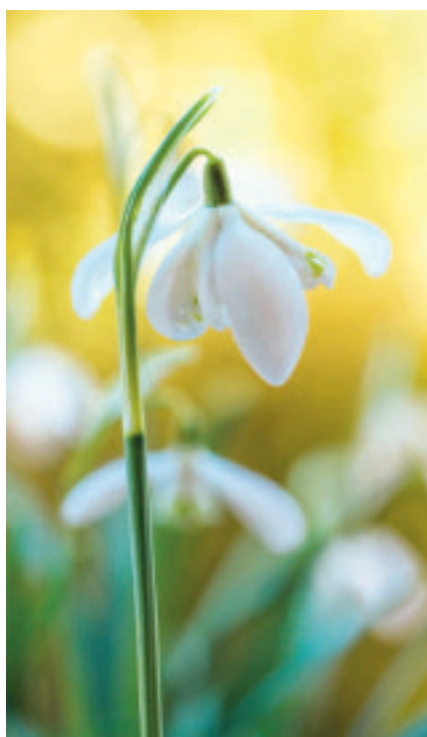
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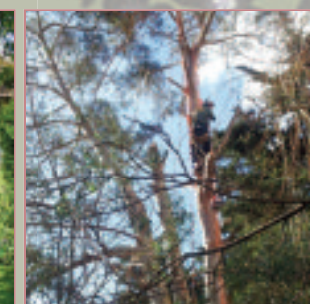
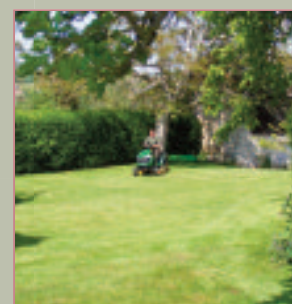
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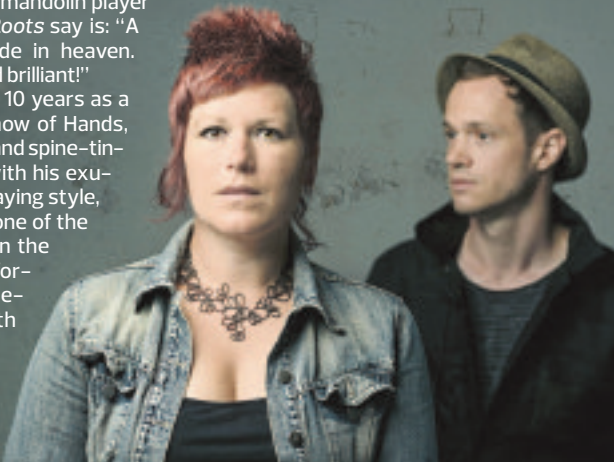
## Flamboyant and flame-haired folk

IN THE space of just a few years, Miranda Sykes & Rex Preston have emerged to become one of the most sought after duos on the English folk and roots scene. The striking combination of the flame headed double bass player and virtuoso mandolin player create music that *Folk Roots* say is: "A musical partnership made in heaven. Scintillating, sensitive and brilliant!"

Well known for the last 10 years as a central component of Show of Hands, Miranda has an exquisite and spine-tingling voice, whilst Rex, with his exuberant and flamboyant playing style, has built a reputation as one of the finest mandolin players in the UK. Their stunning performance brings precision, delight, wonder and warmth to their live shows.

Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston play live at The Beehive, Honiton on Fri-

day, February 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 available online at the website [www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk) or by calling 01404 384050.



## Fliss Gorst Band set to swing in Seaton

LONDON-BASED saxophonist Fliss Gorst - originally from Axminster - will be returning to the area to perform with her band at Seaton Gateway this February.

The Fliss Gorst Band (formerly Jivestar) perform authentic swing, 50s rock 'n' roll, jumping jive and new takes on old classics.

The band are led by saxophonist Fliss, and consist of a stellar line up of some of London's finest musicians including highly acclaimed vocalists Kai Hoffman, Shane Hampsheir and Lauren Bush.

Experienced performers, the band have performed on the main stage at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, Pizza Express Jazz Club, and regularly at The Spice Of Life Soho. They've also held a residency at Poppies Fish and Chips Camden since 2013.

The Fliss Gorst Band play at Seaton Gateway on Saturday, February 25th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £13 in advance, or £16 on the door, available online at [www.seatongateway.co.uk](http://www.seatongateway.co.uk) or by calling 01297 625699.



Fliss Gorst

## The Pied Piper plays his tune all the way to Seaton Gateway

THIS YEAR at The Gateway, Seaton Town Hall the Pantomime 'The Pied Piper' is being staged from Thursday 9th to Sunday, February 12th. The four performances start at different times, 7pm for the Thursday and Friday, a 3pm Matinee on the Saturday and an early evening 6pm start on the Sunday.

Expect lots of hilarity as the story unfolds from the very funny script by Alan Frayn, bought to life by the cast of fifty (including twenty children). Dame Helga Trumper (played by the irrepressible Ian Waite) has a Pig Farm and a Sausage Stuffery which lends itself to produce some wonderful comic moments and the customary Panto innuendos. The Pied Piper is a tale of good overcoming evil and is a very happy show with foot tapping songs throughout. If you have ever seen a Seaton Panto you know the quality you can expect and this year will not disappoint... oh no it won't!

Tickets are already going well so don't delay telephone: 01297 625699 to book your tickets now.



The cast of The Pied Piper in rehearsal



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# Diary Dates

## TUESDAY JANUARY 31st

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

**CREWKERNE:** Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 – 4pm

**COLYFORD:** Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospital @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1st

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8–10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit [www.jurassicfolkandjam.com](http://www.jurassicfolkandjam.com)

**SEATON:** Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by David Buldock: RHS Gardens at Wisley and Rosemoor. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

**KILMINGTON:** Film: "Bridget Jones's Baby" (15) – Colin Firth, Renee Zellweger, Patrick Dempsey. Movie screening at the village hall (Whitford Rd), doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm Film start 7.15pm. For more details or advance booking contact: 01297 32335. Tickets £5 if purchased in advance or £5.50 at the door.

**AXMINSTER:** The Magic Lantern Show: Lanternist Humphrey Hamlin will tell us the history of this forerunner of the modern slide projector, used for hundreds of years to educate, entertain and mystify audiences. Axminster Historical Society, 7.30pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, Axminster, EX13 5AH All welcome!

**COLYTON:** Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café St John Hall, King Street 2pm to 4pm

**SEATON:** Yoga with a chair. 1.30–2.30pm at the Gateway, Fore Street. Yoga for every body, cost £5. For more details call 0297 20326 or email [waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk](mailto:waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk)

**COLYFORD:** Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Speaker will be talking about the City of Exeter. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo at Henhayes Centre – £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2nd**

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8–10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club will be holding their meeting at 7.30pm in the Baptist church hall, Holyrood Street for an evening talk entitled 'Abandoned on the plains' by Tony and Eva Worobec. Persons interested in attending the club can obtain further details on [www.chardcameraclub.org.uk](http://www.chardcameraclub.org.uk) or by contacting Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst on 01460 68616

**CLAPTON:** Film: "Sarah's Key", showing at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, film starting at 8pm. Pre-booked guest tickets are £4 per film. For more information, or to pre-book, please email [mickpawson53@btinternet.com](mailto:mickpawson53@btinternet.com) or ring Mick Wilson on 01460 74849 or Di Crawley on 01460 30508

**TATWORTH:** Tatworth Flower Club are hosting a flower arranging demonstration by Lisa Fowler entitled "Crafty Creations". Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm start. Refreshments and cake stall available. All welcome for a £5 admission fee.

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3rd**

# The David Hall

The small hall with the BIG reputation

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THE year got off to the perfect musical start at The David Hall when, on Thursday 12th January, a sell-out audience loved every minute of the performance by Paul Jones and Dave Kelly.

These two regular long-term members of The Blues Band impressed and charmed in equal measure with their distinct interpretation of the Blues Tradition. It was clear to see why they are without doubt one of the most sought-after acts on the circuit with a wonderful mix of voice, guitar and harmonica. They are at the top of my list to get an early return - which I am sure will once again be a sell-out!

On Saturday 21st we welcomed back for the first time 'the band taking the Folk scene by storm' when the London-based five-piece Stick in the Wheel performed. The band's raw, abrasive sound and uncompromising attitude got right to the heart of what Folk music is about. They interpret Traditional music in a manner like no other and it is easy to see why they are destined for great things. Loved by everyone present!

On Friday 27th we welcomed back for their fourth visit the Bully Wee Band. This quartet was formed in 1971 and are as relevant today as they were then. After a long sabbatical they reformed in 2004 and currently are on their 14th Annual tour. They performed a mix of traditional and original songs and tunes in their very distinctive style. Fantastic vocals and harmonies, together with fiddle, mandolin, whistles, guitar and mandocello, ensured this was another very special night. A great band at the top of their game.

February promises to be a varied and exciting month. It starts on Saturday 4th with the first ever visit to South Petherton from a stalwart of the West Country acoustic scene, and patriarch of a virtual Folk dynasty – namely, Geoff Lakeman. He's the dad of Seth; Sean (married to Kathryn Roberts) and Sam (married to Cara Dillon). The brothers got their passion for music in a family band with Geoff and their fiddle-playing mum, Joy. Geoff has performed in 29 countries and at festivals from Cornwall to Orkney. He is a master of the rare Crane Duet Concertina and we shall expect a mix of self-penned songs and varied traditional material. This is without doubt a night not to be missed!

On Saturday 11th there is a "private promotion" when local artist Tom Toomey brings his band, The Monfi Cats, to The David Hall. Their music is rooted in a fluid tapestry of different genres that include Blues, Jazz, Rock, Roots and Folk. I know this will be a night of very fine music.

On Saturday 18th we again receive an artist for his

first ever visit when Canada's Stephen Fearing performs.

I first became aware of Stephen in the early 1990's when I purchased the album, So Many Miles, and instantly became a fan. Stephen has built a national - and international - audience for his music that has seen him named as one of the finest songwriters in Canada. He is a great guitarist and a gifted storyteller with the ability to take an audience on a musical journey. Stephen should have been with us years ago and now that he is, I know this will be a gig that will long be remembered.

The month's music ends on Sunday 26th with another visit from the ever-popular Steve Knightly. This time, Steve's visit is part of his Landlocked Tour which will feature songs from his CD's All at Sea and Off the Beaten Track – so one half of the evening will feature original and traditional songs of the land, and the other will draw on his nautical themes. At the time of going to print tickets are still available - but there is no doubt that this event will once again be a sell-out!

Just a quick reminder that the one-day Petherton Folk Fest will take place again in South Petherton on Saturday 17th June. I will provide further details as they become available.

With thanks for your continued support!

Pete Wheeler, Petherton Arts Trust

## Further events at The David Hall in February

There will be a Valentines Disco on Friday 10th at 7.30pm. Come along to 'strut your funky stuff' or 'shake yer bootie' to music from the 1950s to 2000 with a Romantic edge! Tickets: £5. No concessions.

On Friday 24th February, Poems, Pints and Puds Presents: Where is Love? at 7.30pm. Petherton Arts Trust invites all Romantics out there to contribute or listen to an informal evening of poems, readings, songs to enlighten and entertain, accompanied by desserts and drinks. Ticket: £5 including food. NB: Please book by Wednesday 22 February. No tickets available on the night.

Petherton Picture Show will present two films in February – on Friday 3rd, Captain Fantastic, starring Vigo Mortensen, and on Friday 17th, Bridget Jones's Baby, starring Renee Zellweger, Gemma Jones and Jim Broadbent.

Acoustic Night is on Sunday 19th, from 7.30pm – 10.30pm. All styles and forms of performance welcome – not just folk. If you wish to perform please drop us an email at [folk@chriswatts.org](mailto:folk@chriswatts.org) to secure a slot.

The David Hall's popular monthly Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 22nd February, 10am – 12pm. Pop in for a cup of real coffee and a chat. Look around the book and bric-a-brac stalls and listen to some live music. Entry is free.

For further details about any of the above please check the website [www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk) or call 01460 240 340.

## "If a man dies shall he live again?" (Job 14:14)

THE subjects for this February's programme have to do with 'life after death'.

It would be fair to say that most religions of the

world exist largely because of the mystery of death and our curiosity to know what happens when we die. In the Bible Jesus Christ says of himself that

he "lived and died" and, "look", "now I am alive forever". Of course, he could only say that after he had been made alive again. These words occur in a vision given to the Apostle John. (Revelation 1:18)

His disciple and friend, Peter, speaking to the crowds at Jerusalem after the Lord's ascension said of Jesus. "...God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it".

The Bible teaches that humans die because of God's sentence for sin – everyone sins, so everyone dies. There is one amazing exception – Jesus Christ who did no sin.

But there's more. Jesus also says, "I have the keys of hell and of death". He has the power to unlock the grave and give new life to others as well.

# THE BIBLE STILL THE BOOK FOR TODAY

"I am he who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore" (Revelation 1:18)

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A friendly welcome to all

# Diary Dates

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45–4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**YARCOMBE:** Mrs Beeton, My Sister, performed by Alison Neil at Yarcombe Jubilee Hall, 7.30pm. The show will mark the 150th anniversary of Mrs Beeton's death. Early booking is recommended. Tickets, including refreshments, priced £9.50 with £7 for suitable aged children 12–17. Available by calling 01404 861353, 01404 881634 or 01404 861465.

**ILMINSTER:** Friends of Wadham 80s Disco at Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster. 8pm – Midnight. Fancy Dress optional. Tickets £5 in advance / £8 on the door. Tickets available from the Shrubbery and Wadham Finance Office. Bring a raffle prize if you can.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4th

**DRIMPTON:** Clapton, Wayford and Drimpton Horticultural Society 10th Annual Potato Day. 10.30am–2.30pm. Pennards Plants will be bring a large selection of potatoes as well as many other edible vegetables. This year Dorset Wildlife Trust will be joining us and we hope that they will be able to advise us on how to make our Gardens attractive to wildlife. Jenny Beck a local artist is organising Potato Printing for Children and as always excellent local cakes and food will be on sale. The event provides an opportunity for veteran gardeners and novices to meet, share experiences and obtain expert advice. Non members welcome Drimpton Village Hall 10.30 am to 2.30pm

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5th

**COLYFORD:** Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am–2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 6th

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall, eyes down 7.30pm, in aid of Merriott's Rainbows, Brownies & Guides group.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7th

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10.00 for 10.30am in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilminster for a talk by Darren Walker entitled 'Drink Wise Age Well' and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

**CHARD:** Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will have a talk entitled 'Doorstep Milk Delivery' by Peter Hayward. New members and visitors are very welcome to join us at Manor Court School at 7pm.

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

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**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8th**

**AXMINSTER:** Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am–12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0–18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email [admin@halff.org.uk](mailto:admin@halff.org.uk).

**HONITON:** Guided Exhibition Tour by SWAC Academician Ray Balkwill, at Thelma Hulbert Gallery, 6–8pm. £3 (£2 THG Friends) incl. glass of wine

**SIDMOUTH:** Parlour Music and Merriment from the Old Bull & Bush Company of Artists. At Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30–4.30pm. Maestro Trevor Bolshaw, Jan Sutcliffe, Mo. Cuthbert and Brian Rees.

## More Diary Dates on page 34

Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings – weekly listings without dates may not be published.



Nicky Sweetland's

# Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

## Experiencing the unpleasant side of theatre

THEATRE etiquette is a subject often written about within critic's circles and this week I had the misfortune of witnessing some prime examples of how not to behave in a theatre, cinema, or just generally in polite society.

After accidentally standing in a puddle of urine on a tube platform, my trip to see *Death Takes a Holiday* at Charing Cross Theatre began, as it was to continue, with unwanted excretions of bodily fluids very much the order of the day.

The Charing Cross Theatre is not the most opulent and as with many of the older venues in central London, the seating doesn't offer much legroom, so you are left having to share air and personal space with complete strangers.

Sadly, I was placed in front of a very large couple, who made the row of seats

quake with their every movement, at times rivaling the overhead railway, with their thunderous maneuvers.

On top of that, one of the pair insisted on continually scratching his very large leg during the performance, which he propped up on the seat next to me resulting in a shower of dead skin flowing freely over my shoulder. The other half of the disgusting duo obviously filled with the dreaded lurgy that's about-coughed and snorted on my other flank, often drowning out the more gentle musical numbers.

To add insult to injury a man slightly further along the row belched loudly intermittently throughout, while a chap in front illegally took photos with his phone and, as he didn't even have the sense to put the damn thing on silent, the sound and light were

hugely distracting.

Luckily the show itself was absolutely glorious, but I did find it difficult to come away with a positive outlook after the unsavoury behaviour of some of the audience members.

In the past I've had to move away from patrons, whose body odour has been so pungent I didn't dare continue my occupation of the adjacent seat for fear of my own unwanted dinner reprise.

My top tips for going to the theatre are really quite simple; wash, turn your phone off, sit still and shut up!

Thankfully my other theatre trips this week were without incident and I thoroughly enjoyed the political comedy *This House* - I had an onstage seat, which was thrilling-and a new show called *Dirty Great Love* story before I ventured over to Membury for their fabulous pan-



The performance of *Pandora's Box* in Membury was a hit

tomime version of *Pandora's Box*.

The audience in the Devon village mostly behaved themselves too although the contingent from All Saints got a bit lively after consuming copious amounts of wine at the interval.

Also this week, I chatted to my good friend and Tony Award winner Frances Ruffelle, who is about to star in a hugely anticipated new production of the musical *The Wild Party*, at The

Other Palace (formerly the St. James Theatre).

Next week I'm attempting to fit three weeks work into four days as with a holiday on the horizon I shall need to get ahead.

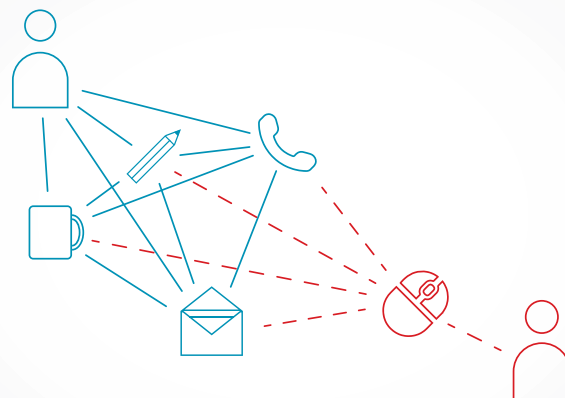
I'm off to the Alephi Theatre for my seventh visit to *Kinky Boots* (it's a real favourite), before *Fantastic Mr Fox* at the Lyric Hammersmith, *Nice Fish* starring Oscar winner Mark Rylance and *Stomp*, which has been running in the West End for a whopping 25

years and I'm yet to experience.

I'm then having a try at the *Faulty Towers* interactive dining experience, before I pop over to Bridport to see *Red Riding Hood*, which from the publicity photos looks very exciting.

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Chris Peluso and Zoe Doano in *Death takes a Holiday* at the Charing Cross Theatre



# Diary Dates

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH**  
**SEAVINGTON:** Seavington Gardening Club at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. The Gold Club will be giving a talk on "Growing Fruit and Vegetables on the Patio". There will be plants for sale. Visitors welcome £2 payable at the door and refreshments will be available plus a raffle. For further information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728.

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**CHARD:** Chard Royal Naval Association will be meeting for their bi monthly social meeting at 7.30pm in the Chard Rugby football club Essex Close. The members will be entertained by Mrs Margaret Adams giving her comical version of life as a farmer's wife. The association is always on the look out for new members and any one wishing to attend their meeting on the night should come along where they would be made most welcome. Further details can be obtained from Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

**SEATON:** Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm in the Masonic Hall, Queen Street. Talk on "How to renovate a tired garden" by Elizabeth Holman who is a Garden Designer and Horticulturist. Visitors welcome, charge £2, to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH**  
**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**KILMINGTON:** Echinacea and Redbeckia. An interesting talk, Martin Young covers the versatility of this very popular plant group, from providing late summer and autumn colour in the garden to the medicinal use of Echinacea. Kilmingdon Garden Club, Kilmingdon village hall, Whitford Road, Kilmingdon, EX13 7RF 7.30PM. Non members £1.00

**LYME REGIS:** U3A Heritage Coast. Social and information morning, 10am in Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Come for free coffee and chat, a chance to meet leaders of more than fifty interest and activity groups, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. At 10.30am, a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members. Members and non-members all welcome. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal + roll & butter and unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne and District Twinning Association are holding a "Valentines Coffee Morning" at Crewkerne Heritage Centre in the upstairs room, from 10 am until Noon. Cake and top ups of Coffee or tea £2.50. Everyone is welcome if anyone has an interest in hosting this year from 25th/28th May please come along as well to hear what we have planned. Otherwise come along for a social morning.

**HINTON ST GEORGE:** Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'Bridget Jones' Baby' (15), in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

**CHARD:** Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'February Romance', at Chard Guildhall, 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH**  
**COLYFORD:** Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

**BROADCLYST:** 'Strictly on Sundays' at Broadclyst Victory Hall, 2.30pm-5pm. Free parking. Pay on the door £5 (includes tea/coffee and cakes).

**SIDMOUTH:** Schubert on Sunday with senior students of Vocal coach Alex Poulton, Dorothy Worthington - piano, Kevin Hurst - clarinet. At Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30-4.30pm.

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH**  
**WINSHAM:** Winsham Art Club meeting, Lisa Neill, 'A Winter Landscape', watercolour paint/acrylic paint. Meetings every Monday 2-4pm at the Jubilee Hall, Church Street. Coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

**HONITON:** Honiton Art Society Meeting. Watercolour demonstration by David Norman At Awliscombe

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE THIS FEBRUARY

THERE is a feast of good things to enjoy at the Arts Centre this February, whether you are interested in visual art, music or contemporary crafts. In the Gallery, the group exhibition 'It's a Wonderful World' continues until February 11th. Celebrating the diversity of the world we live in, the show includes a richly textured display of wildlife photographs by Oliver Hellowell, travel reportage photography by photo journalist Bernard Ringrose, paintings by Matthew Dennett and Valerie Duckworth, textiles by k3n, and 3D works by Rachel Hartland.

Over the half-term period students from Greenfyld School, Swanmead School, Neroche School, Chard School and Strode College will be displaying their artworks in the sixth instalment of our popular 'Schools Go Visual' exhibition. Come and admire the talent and vision of these new artistic voices. This is a lovely exhibition for a multi-generational trip to the Arts Centre - why not have lunch here and make a day of it? The show runs February 13th-25th.

At the end of the month we welcome a group of West Country artists who are exhibiting together for the first time. 'Confluence' unites their latest works under one roof - a dynamic collection of textiles, stone carved sculpture, watercolours, photography and figurative urban landscapes. Starts February 27th.

Our February concert programme get off to a fiery start with trad jazz legends, New Orleans Heat on Friday, February 10th. Led by pianist



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Barry Grummet this highly regarded group travels Europe and the UK, playing authentic New Orleans style jazz. Now it's Ilminster's turn to bask in the musical sunshine of the Crescent City!

On Friday 24th The Dave Betts Latin Quartet take to the Arts Centre's stage. This Bristol based band is a regular at Ronnie Scott's club in London and they play modern jazz with a distinctly contemporary

flavour, with infectious grooves and plenty of Latin rhythm. Funky stuff!

There's a completely different flavour to our concert the following night, on Saturday 25th, which features arias and ensembles from opera and operetta, sung by students from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. The college is internationally renowned, and this concert is a fabulous chance to hear the singing stars of the future performing in the intimate surrounds of the Arts Centre. Starts 7.30pm

Our programme of hands-on workshops continues through February, with Slow Stitch (February 10th), Readers (10th), Felting (17th), Rag Rugs (24th). Our untutored workshops are perfect for those who like to work under their own steam in like-minded company: Clay on Mondays; Figure drawing second and fourth of the month; Art Group Thursday afternoon. For budding young artists our Children's Art Chest workshop on Saturday, February 18th will explore the theme 'Frosty February'.

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Village Hall, 2-4pm. Visitors and new members always welcome. Visitors £4. At www.honitonartso-ciety.com

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

**MUSBURY:** Musbury Village Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting. Public meeting held in Musbury Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm.

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH**

**BROADWAY:** The Ile Valley Flower Club meeting at Broadway Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Dave Moon of the National Garden Scheme with a 'Digital Visual Presentation'. All are welcome as visitors or future members this should prove to be interesting to all Flower Arrangers and Gardeners

**CHARD:** Chard Royal British Legion Branch Meeting. The next meeting of the Chard Royal British Legion Branch will take place at 7.30pm, meeting in the Maltings Committee Room. The newly elected Branch Committee is very keen to encourage younger people to become members of the branch and help to support members and ex-members of our Armed Forces.

**DUNKESWELL:** Dunkeswell bowls club need support for a new carpet fund. We are having a two course curry evening in Dunkeswell Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets are £12.50 each from Dunkeswell shop or Elaine on 01404 891519. There will be musical entertainment to end this pleasurable evening. An evening not to be missed. Please bring your own choice of drinks. Iced water will be available.

**COLYFORD:** Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospital @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

**SIDMOUTH:** East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Steve Hubble will perform at 2.30pm (preceded by AGM at 2pm).

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH**

**COLYTON:** Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch at the The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 2.30pm An illustrated talk "The Colyton Canal". Ken Clifford will tell how in the 19th century there were plans for a Ship Canal to cross Devon and Somerset. Thomas Telford, a floating harbour at Beer, a cut through the chalk cliff, a famous smuggler as consultant...All welcome, admission £1 for DA members, non-members £3. Details from 01297551529 or brian\_denham@talktalk.net

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

**SEATON:** Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Helena Williams: Exotic Travels with my Camera. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members / prospective members welcome - come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club will be holding their in house Digitally Projected Image competition the subject being 'two open images'. They will also be judged on their Portfolio Images (a panel of three images covering a subject of their choice) the judge for the evening being Mr Peter Hyett.

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**TATWORTH:** Film: 'Bridget Jones' Baby' at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

**SHELDON:** The brilliant double-act 'Opera Dudes' will be bringing their show "Licenced To Trill" to Sheldon Village Hall for Villages in Action, providing an evening of fabulous entertainment. No ordinary operatic duo, the two tenors rip up the rule book with an act ranging from classical Verdi through show songs and rock to 'Carry On' fun. Tickets for this show are available now from John Carr on 01404 841367. Prices - Adult £10 Child £5. Doors open 7 pm. Licensed Bar

**SOUTH PERROTT:** Family bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 6.30pm. For more details call 01935 891224.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**

**SEATON:** Seaton Lions table top sale at Seaton Methodist Church, doors 8am, sale 9.15am-1pm. Donation entry. Ample free parking. Tea/coffee. For more details call 01297 624313.



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2. It's also important to find out if you live in a smoke control area (see [www.gov.uk/smoke-control-area-rules](http://www.gov.uk/smoke-control-area-rules)). A smoke control area means you can't emit smoke from a chimney unless you're burning an authorised fuel (see [smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php](http://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php)), or smokeless fuel (such as anthracite), or using a Defra-exempt appliance. Lots of wood burners are Defra exempt, but not all. In addition, many wood burners can only burn certain fuels, so find out before buying one.

3. Depending on the style of your room and wood burner, a 'floating' wooden beam can look great fixed above the opening in the chimney breast (see my how-to tip below). However, the underside of any beam, lintel or shelf, etc, made of a combustible material must be at least 450mm away from the top of the wood burner - check with the manufacturer or installer for their requirements. If you don't have enough space between the two, non-combustible wood-effect beams, such as ones made of metal, are safe to fit closer to the top of the wood burner, but are harder to find and can be expensive.

4. Your wood burner will need to sit on a decorative hearth, often a stone slab, such as marble, granite or slate, which may already be in place. "For wood-burning stoves, the hearth must be constructed from a non-combustible material with a minimum thickness of 12mm," says Wood. "Where the floor temperature could be raised above 100C, there must also be a constructional hearth of at least 125mm below and in front of the wood burner. The size of this can differ between manufacturers, so it's worth checking." A constructional hearth is typically a concrete hearth below the decorative hearth, which you often find in period properties with wooden floorboards, but may also be a concrete floor, for example.

5. Keeping your wood burner clean is vital to protecting it and the chimney from contaminants. "This will improve the wood burner's performance and efficiency, and increase its lifespan," says Wood. "We recommend getting a chimney sweep to clean the chimney at least once a year to stop soot building up and ensure the fire chamber and flue are kept free from blockages." He continues: "Also burn high quality kiln-dried wood, if possible, and have good ventilation in the room to allow heat to circulate effectively." Extra ventilation isn't usually required for wood burners with a 5kW or less output, but for ones with a higher output, a permanent air vent to the outside is needed in the room to allow proper combustion in the wood burner.

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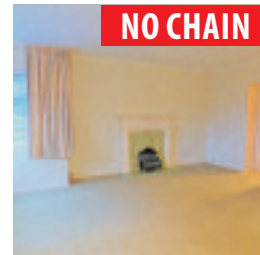


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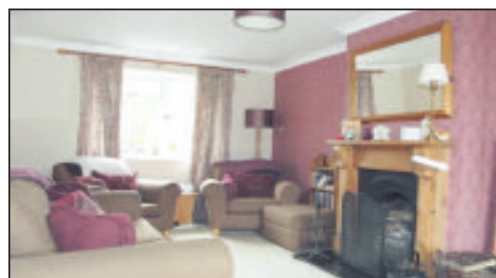
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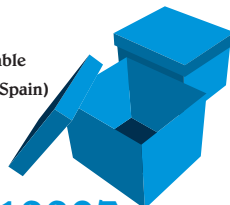
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## It's love at first sight as Polo event gets under way

VOLKSWAGEN has extended its tempting Polo offer with two new incentives. As well as a generous deposit contribution with insurance included, Polo customers can now take advantage of a free service plan and receive a discount on the Style Pack.

The deposit contribution of £1,400 is available for customers who opt for a Volkswagen Financial Services' Solutions Personal Contract Plan at 6.2 per cent APR representative. This is a significant saving for potential Polo customers and the terrific value for money that this represents is enhanced by the offer of a year's insurance included.

Running from 27 January to Valentine's Day on 14 February the Polo Event offers customers a valuable saving on Volkswagen's popular supermini. With this strong package Volkswagen has ensured it's even easier to fall in love with a Polo: whether it's the practical S, the sporty GTI, or anything in between.

And throughout the Polo Event all customers will now benefit from a free service plan, too. This includes both of their Polo's first two services.

The Polo's clean, sculpted lines draw admirers and during the Polo Event customers can further enhance the look of their new car with the Style Pack. This includes stainless steel door sill trims to keep scratches away. Tyre valves are

protected with stainless steel caps and a chrome strip on the boot lip combines protection with style. In addition, a chrome exhaust trim adds an extra element of sportiness to the rear.

Together, this additional flair makes up the Style Pack that usually retails at £318 RRP but is reduced to just £236 RRP for the duration of the Polo Event.

Every model in Volkswagen's extensive Polo range is packed with big-car technology. This includes Electronic Stability Control which, together with Traction Control, enhances safety. Driver comfort is ensured with speed sensitive power assisted steering, which is combined with a 'hill hold' function that prevents the car from rolling back when paused on an incline.

A five-inch colour touchscreen is the centrepiece of the Composition Colour infotainment system. This includes a CD player, DAB radio and an SD card reader. A smartphone can be connected via Bluetooth and the Polo boasts six speakers as standard. All of this is included on the Polo S, which costs from £11,830 RRP OTR before the offer is applied.

New for 2017 is the Polo Match Edition, which starts from £13,315 RRP OTR and includes cruise control, front and rear parking sensors, automatic wipers and even more equipment besides. In addition

the Polo Match Edition's Composition Media system has a 6.5-inch colour touchscreen that allows the simultaneous pairing of two mobile devices and includes a car information option plus album title and cover art display.

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The Polo range includes the Polo beats, which starts at £14,215 RRP OTR, with its 300-watt sound system with a eight channel amplifier. The SEL features sharp LED headlights and stylish 16-inch 'Rivazza' alloy wheels, while the Polo R-Line adds a comprehensive 'R-Line' styling pack for head-turning looks both inside and out.

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For more details on all the cars in the Volkswagen Polo range, together with brochures and pricing and to use Volkswagen's online configurator, please visit [www.volkswagen.co.uk](http://www.volkswagen.co.uk).



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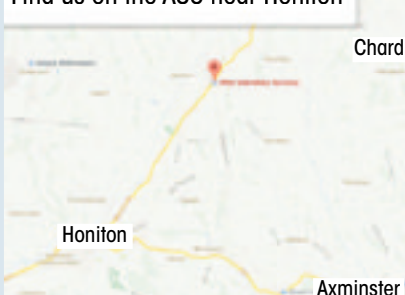
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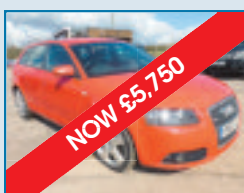
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Citroën customers can now enjoy an even more relaxing drive and greater comfort with the introduction of the brand's 6-speed automatic transmission to the multi-award winning C4 Cactus line-up. Paired with

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The 6-speed Efficient Automatic Transmission (EAT6) delivers a compelling blend of smooth power delivery, ultra-fast gear changes and dynamic efficiency. In addition, the new-generation transmission ensures excellent low-speed driveability thanks to a 'creep'

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This latest addition to the C4 Cactus range is exclusively available with the PureTech 110 S&S 3-cylinder petrol engine in Flair trim. The model also features a 7-inch touchscreen, eMyWay satellite navigation, a colour reversing camera, rear parking sensors, as well as Bluetooth® connectivity and media streaming.

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# Sport – East Devon round-up

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football the local round-up

## Bubbling Beer go nap in coastal derby win

Tigers flounder in first half – Hawks hit eight in cup stroll – Upottery hit by new leaders late strike

### football tables

| SW Peninsula D1E (34) Pld | Pts |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Brixham AFC               | 25  |
| Stoke Gabriel             | 24  |
| Teignmouth                | 24  |
| Torriseside               | 24  |
| Newton Abbot Spurs        | 25  |
| AXMINSTER                 | 26  |
| Crediton Utd              | 24  |
| Applodore                 | 22  |
| St Martins                | 25  |
| Sidmouth Town             | 24  |
| Bovey Tracey              | 24  |
| Liverton Utd              | 24  |
| Exeter University         | 21  |
| Alphington                | 24  |
| Gallopston Utd            | 24  |
| Totnes & Dartington       | 24  |
| Budleigh Salterton        | 19  |
| Exwick Villa              | 23  |

| D&E Premier (28) Pld | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|
| Newtown              | 18  |
| Honiton Town         | 17  |
| Elmore               | 15  |
| Heavitree Utd        | 14  |
| Okehampton Argyle    | 17  |
| Topsham Town         | 16  |
| Exmouth Amateurs     | 18  |
| Seaton Town          | 17  |
| Feniton              | 16  |
| Clyst Valley         | 17  |
| Beer Albion          | 14  |
| Upottery             | 20  |
| Hatherleigh Town     | 20  |
| Newton St Cyres      | 18  |
| Bow AAC              | 17  |

| D&E Div 1 (20) Pld    | Pts |
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| Sidmouth Town Res     | 13  |
| Exeter University Res | 14  |
| Colyton               | 13  |
| Lyme Regis            | 12  |
| Exmouth Town Res      | 13  |
| Witheridge Reserves   | 11  |
| Alphington Reserves   | 14  |
| Willand Rovers Res    | 16  |
| Wellington Reserves   | 13  |
| Bickleigh             | 14  |

| D&E Div 2 (26) Pld  | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|
| Cullompton Rang Res | 17  |
| Lapford             | 39  |
| Axmouth Utd         | 18  |
| University 3rds     | 14  |
| Dawlish Utd         | 17  |
| Heavitree Utd Res   | 13  |
| Woodbury            | 23  |
| Dawlish Town        | 16  |
| Tipton St John      | 16  |
| Chagford            | 13  |
| Newtown Reserves    | 17  |
| Halwill             | 16  |
| Budleigh Salt Res   | 19  |
| Lympstone           | 16  |

| D&E Div 3 (20) Pld    | Pts |
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| Bampton               | 15  |
| Exeter Univ 4ths      | 13  |
| PERRY STREET          | 12  |
| Axminster Town Res    | 15  |
| Honiton Town Res      | 16  |
| East Budleigh         | 19  |
| Tedburn St Mary       | 23  |
| Newton Poppleford     | 15  |
| Clyst Valley Reserves | 15  |
| Exmouth Amat Res      | 17  |
| Culm Utd              | 18  |

| D&E Div 4 (24) Pld  | Pts |
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| Upplowman Athletic  | 17  |
| Kentisbeare         | 13  |
| Ottery St Mary      | 19  |
| Exeter Univ 5ths    | 15  |
| Sandford            | 18  |
| Countess Wear Dyn   | 21  |
| Priory              | 15  |
| Ottersett           | 15  |
| Pinhoe              | 16  |
| Morchard Bishop     | 18  |
| St Martins Reserves | 16  |
| Sampford Peverell   | 17  |

| D&E Div 5 (24) Pld   | Pts |
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| Crediton Utd Res     | 15  |
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| Whipton & Pinhoe     | 15  |
| Millwey Rise         | 28  |
| South Zeal Utd       | 18  |
| Starcross Generals   | 18  |
| Feniton Reserves     | 16  |
| North Tawton         | 15  |
| Newton St Cyres      | 17  |
| Beer Albion Reserves | 14  |
| Alphington 3rds      | 17  |
| Awilscombe Utd       | 15  |

### SW Peninsula League Division One (E)

**STOKE GABRIEL 4 AXMINSTER TOWN 1**  
A DEFEAT at high-flying Stoke Gabriel sees Axminster Town drop two places to sixth in the SW Peninsula League (east) table.

The game was lost in the first half with Sean Finch scoring twice inside the opening half hour and Tom Kelly added a third before the interval.

Nathan Warren's seventh goal of the season 20 minutes from time provided scant consolation for the visitors who conceded again when Ollie Critchlow rounded off the scoring.

Three points will be very much on the agenda next Saturday when the Tigers entertain bottom-of-the-table Exwick Villa (3pm ko).

**Axminster:** Scott Wells-Burr, Craig Every, Ben Clay, Elliot Dyer, Chris Duchenski, Liam Cleal, Danny Clay, Nathan Warren, Aaron Daniels, Tony Pinder Callum Garrett. Subs: Mark Scott, Joe Urquart, Mark Smale.

### DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

#### Match Reports

#### SEATON TOWN 1 BEER ALBION 5

##### Premier Division

BEER ALBION came out on top in the East Devon derby in front of a large crowd at Colyford Road with an emphatic 5-1 victory writes *Richard Honnor*.

The first 25 minutes were uneventful. The Seaside's had most of the possession and were passing the ball neatly with midfielders Richie Durrant and Jacob Rowe pulling the strings.

But they lacked penetration in the final third and the Beer defence with three centre backs Denslow, Adkin, and Foster coped comfortably.

The Fishermen hardly managed to get the ball out of their own half had to wait until the 26th minute for their first attacking threat. Richard Walker made a good run down the left channel only to miscue his shot into keeper's arms.

This sparked the game into life and a minute later Seaton missed a great opportunity volleying over the bar from close range following a corner.

Then in a breath-taking six-minute spell Beer took control of the match. On 28 minutes, they were awarded a penalty when Jacob Clode was pushed off the ball as he ran on to Walker's through ball and Simon Smith rifled home the penalty.

Five minutes later Andrew Foster delivered a fine low cross which eluded the Seaton defence and George Harwood coolly tapped in. It was 3-0 seconds later as Smith set up Clode who was again brought down in the box.

Claims for another penalty were waved away by referee Richard Clutterbuck but it didn't matter as Seaton failed to clear their lines and Walker threaded a great ball to Clode whose cross was turned in by the despairing Seaside's centre back.

Seaton almost pulled a goal back when Adkin cleared his lines after a defensive mix up. Then the game reverted back to the pattern of the first quarter with Seaton dominating possession but producing little in front of goal.

The Seaside's lifted the tempo after the break and began to pose much more of a goal threat. The Fishermen's left flank was being regularly outpaced and on 49 minutes keeper Mark Rooke produced a fine save as he tipped over a fierce volley. From the resulting corner, Rooke again came to his side's rescue when he got down to save Wakely's low shot.

A Seaton goal looked inevitable and sure enough it came on 55 minutes when Rowe shot home from 18 yards.

But as the hosts pushed forward in search of another goal they were caught out on 57 minutes when Chris Long dis-

possessed the Seaton centre back and netted clinically from 18 yards to restore a three-goal cushion for the visitors.

Seaton were by no means finished and created some great chances but failed to convert. They were desperately unlucky on 67 minutes when Josh French shot narrowly wide from 20 yards after Smith was dispossessed.

As Seaton threw caution to the wind, Beer's forwards were finding space on the break. Long had a couple of chances to increase the Fishermen's lead but the hosts had strong appeals for a penalty turned down on 82 minutes and then missed a great opportunity two minutes later, shooting wide with the Beer defence in disarray, and then Adkin again clearing off his line.

But on 86 minutes, Long put the game well and truly out of Seaton's reach with a brilliant goal when Man-of-the-match Long brilliantly chipped the keeper after good work from Harwood and Luke Morrison.

Next week, Beer are at home to third-placed Elmore (3pm ko). Match sponsors are Richard Honnor, Peter Adkin, and David Graham (regular supporters of Beer Albion).

### MILLWEY RISE 6 SOUTH ZEAL 3

#### Division Five

MILLWEY started Saturday's game on the front foot and took the lead inside two minutes Jack Farrant, latching on to a pass from Nathan Womersley, stroked the ball into the visitors' net writes *Dick Sturch*.

But a free kick from the visitors' Kyler Burns on the half hour levelled the score only for Rise to regain the lead five minutes later when they were awarded a penalty which was firmly dispatched by Shane Featherstone.

Then Zak Meaker had the ball in the net only to be denied by the linesman's flag before Tyler Warren completed the first half scoring with some impressive footwork and a shot which gave the keeper no chance.

Rise were given a rude awakening 10 minutes into the second period when Burns took full advantage of defenders hesitation and scored with a shot that went in off the far post.

Back came the hosts and Sam Burke restored the two-goal lead from close in. But still South Zeal kept pressing and were rewarded when James Williams scored with a firm header from a corner.

The best goal of the game came from a precision pass by Warren that Tyler Allen took on the half volley and drilled into the net. Womersley rounded off the scoring with the help of a Burke assist.

This was an enjoyable game to watch. Frustrating at times when Millwey "switched off" for no reason and allowed their opponents to dominate the game before regaining their composure.

Womersley was outstanding while the Lewis brothers, Haydn and Matty, put in a good shift in defence.

**ROUND-UP** by Collin Goodwin

ELMORE hopes of staying in the Premier title race may well have ended after they went down 2-0 to visitors HEAVITREE UNITED. Jordan Harris and Tommy Taylor scored second half goals but the star for Heavitree was keeper Tom Rowe with a world class save.

NEWTOWN went three points clear after winning 1-0 against UPOTTERY who nearly managed to hold on until substitute Ben Howard came on and found the net.

Joint leaders HONITON TOWN called off their match against CLYST VALLEY as Mountbatten Park was a victim of the weather which overall wiped out 13 matches.

The game at TOPSHAM TOWN was

abandoned after 56 minutes with the hosts leading FENITON 1-0. The game was stopped after 56 minutes with Topsham leading 1-0.

EXMOUTH AMATEURS won 1-0 at home to HATHERLEIGH TOWN thanks to a Simon Withers penalty, and the derby game between OKEHAMPTON ARGYLE and BOW AAC ended 3-3, Paul Reed, Grant Vincent and Jon Harvey scoring for Bow.

The only game out of three to survive the weather in Division One saw leaders CRONIES win 5-2 at the UNIVERSITY, leaving them within two victories of the title. Liam Carey with a hat-trick, Luke Nickles and Jamie Fanson scored for the Cronies. Max Foster and Arthur Amble had the college reply.

In Division Two Theo Hill and Dave Good-hew scored in AXMOUTH UNITED'S 2-0 win over DAWLISH.

PERRY STREET are up to third in Division Three after powering to a 6-2 win at TEDBURN ST MARY, and were kept company by AXMINSTER TOWN who dealt with visitors CLYST VALLEY 3-1 with goals from Luke Finn, Jamie Barfoot and Sam Dibling.

Division Four leaders THORVERTON came through a tough game at PRIORY 4-2, and rivals KENTISBEARE were in good form as they won a thumping match at the UNIVERSITY 3-0.

OTTERY ST MARY drew 2-2 at SAMPFORD PEVERELL with their goals coming from Tom Williamson and James Gosney.

The ROYAL OAK underlined their claim for the Division Five title as they floored ALPHINGTON 9-0, but rivals CREDITON UNITED had to battle far harder to win at FENITON 3-1. Louie Hilton scored for the home side.

Division Six leaders EXWICK VILLAGE had to settle for a 2-2 draw at CENTRAL, so HEMYOCK and OFFWELL RANGERS gained ground with respective wins against TIVVY PARK RANGERS 5-2 and SILVERTON 3-1.

AXMINSTER TOWN 3rds missed the chance to go joint top of Division Eight after being held 2-2 at KENTISBEARE with Adam Whitehouse and Dan Turner on target for the Tigers.

In Division Nine WITHERIDGE foundered 2-1 against MILLWEY RISE. Mark Pike and Ollie Bailhache netted for the visitors.

Finally, Ryan Pike and Tim Huxley scored the goals that earned HONITON TOWN 3RDS a 2-1 win at East Budleigh.

### PERRY STREET LEAGUE

#### Arthur Gage Cup – Round One

**SOUTH PETHERTON RES 1 HAWKCHURCH UTD 8**  
JAMES Melville took his season's goal tally up to 30 with a hat trick in the 8-1 demolition of bottom-of-the-table South Petherton.

Melville opened the scoring only for Joe Humphries to equalise soon after. But from here it was all Hawkchurch with Gavin Herrod and Andy Dymond making it 3-1 at half time.

Melville completed his hat trick after the turnaround with Jack Larcombe, Josh Short and Tom Chubb also getting on the score sheet.

### RESULTS

#### MACRON DEVON AND EXETER

##### PREMIER

Elmore 0, Heavitree Utd 2.

Exmouth 1, Hatherleigh Town 0.

Newtown 1, Upottery 0.

Okehampton 3, Bow AAC 3.

Seaton Town 1, Beer Albion 5.

Topsham Town v Feniton, Abnd.

##### DIVISION ONE

University 2, Cronies FC 5.

##### DIVISION TWO

Dawlish 0, Axmouth United 2.

Dawlish United 1, Chagford 2.

Halwill 5, Heavitree United 5.

Lympstone 3, Budleigh Salt 2.

Newtown 2, Woodbury 6.

##### DIVISION THREE

Axminster Tn 3, Clyst Valley 1.

Culm United 0, N.Poppleford 6.

Tedburn St Mary 2, Perry Street 6.

##### DIVISION FOUR

Pinhoe v Otterton, post.

Priory 2, Thorverton 4.

Sampford Pev 2, Ottery St Mary 2.

University 0, Kentisbeare 3.

Upplowman Athletic 1, Sandford 1.

##### DIVISION FIVE

Beer Albion 1, Whipton & Pinhoe 2.

Feniton 1, Crediton Utd 3.

Millwey Rise 6, South Zeal Utd 3.

Royal Oak 9, Alphington 0.

Winchester 3, Starcross Gen 3.

##### DIVISION SIX

Central FC 2, Exwick Village 2.

Dunkeswell 4, Stoke Hill 0.

Hatherleigh Tn 0, Halwill 9.

Hemyock 5, Tivvy Park Rgs 2.

Silverton 1, Offwell Rgs 3.

##### DIVISION SEVEN

HT Dons 1, Sidmouth Town 5.

Ilminster Town 2, Cranbrook 1.

Wellington Tn 2, K&M Polonia 1.

##### DIVISION EIGHT

Bradinch 0, Lapford 1.

Kentisbeare 2, Axminster Town 2.

Queens Head 2, Bravehearts 2.

Sandford 2, Newton Poppleford 8.

Seven Stars 2, Bampton 2.

##### DIVISION NINE

Central FC 4, Feniton 0.

Chagford 3, St Martins 0.

East Budleigh 1, Honiton Tn 2.

Witheridge 1, Millwey Rise 2.

FOOTBALL EXPRESS CUP

North Tawton 1, Winkleigh 0.

### FIXTURES

Saturday, February 4th

#### PREMIER

Beer Albion v Elmore

Bow AAC v Newton St Cyres

Clyst Valley v Okehampton Argyle

Hatherleigh Town v Seaton Town

Heavitree United v Exmouth Amateurs

Newtown v Feniton

Upottery v Topsham Town

#### DIVISION 1

Exmouth Town v Alphington

Sidmouth Town v University

Willand Rovers v Bickleigh

Witheridge v Lyme Regis

#### DIVISION 2

Axmouth United v Lympstone

Budleigh Salterton v Chagford

Halwill v Dawlish United

Newtown v Heavitree United

Tipton St John v Dawlish

University v Lapford

Woodbury v Cullompton Rangers

#### DIVISION 3

Culm United v Bampton

East Budleigh v Perry Street

Exmouth Amateurs v Newton Poppleford

Honiton Town v Axminster Town

University v Clyst Valley

#### DIVISION 4

Kentisbeare v Pinhoe

Ottery v University

Ottery St Mary v Upplowman Athletic

Sandford v Sampford Peverell

St Martins v Priory

Thorverton v Countess Wear Dynamos

#### DIVISION 5

Alphington v Newton St Cyres

Awilscombe United v Crediton United

Feniton v Beer Albion

North Tawton v Royal Oak

Winchester v Whipton & Pinhoe

#### DIVISION 6

Elmore v Dunkeswell Rovers

Exwick Village v Silverton

Hemyock v Central

Lyme Regis v Hatherleigh Town

Offwell Rangers v Tivvy Park Rangers

Stoke Hill v Halwill

DIVISION 7

Bickleigh v Wellington Town

Colyton v Woodbury

Cranbrook v H T Dons

Exmouth Spartans v Sidmouth Town

K & M Polonia v Cheriton Fitzpaine

Seaton Town v Ilminster Town

#### DIVISION 8

Amory Green Rovers v Axminster Town

Bampton v Seven Stars Kennford

Lapford v Kentisbeare

Queens Head v Newton Poppleford

DIVISION 9

Central v East Budleigh

Chagford v Feniton

Millwey Rise v Amory Green Rovers

Tedburn St Mary v Honiton Town

### football tables

| D&E Div 6 (24) Pld   | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|
| Exwick Village       | 16  |
| Winkleigh            | 13  |
| Hemyock              | 14  |
| Offwell Rangers      | 15  |
| Lyme Regis Reserves  | 12  |
| Halwill Reserves     | 17  |
| Central FC           | 12  |
| Tivvy Park Rangers   | 14  |
| Dunkeswell Rovers    | 16  |
| Elmore Reserves      | 12  |
| Stoke Hill           | 11  |
| Silverton            | 16  |
| Hatherleigh Reserves | 15  |

| D&E Div 7 (22)           | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| Wellington 3rds .....    | 19  | 48  |
| Ilminster Town Res ..... | 17  | 43  |
| Cranbrook .....          | 17  | 41  |
| Sidmouth Town 3rds ..... | 16  | 33  |
| Exmouth Spartans .....   | 17  | 31  |
| K&M Polonia Exeter ..... | 18  | 24  |
| Woodbury Reserves .....  | 17  | 16  |
| Cheriton Fitzpaine ..... | 17  | 15  |
| Seaton Town Res .....    | 14  | 14  |
| Bickleigh Reserves ..... | 14  | 11  |
| Colyton Reserves .....   | 15  | 7   |



## hockey chard rugby chard

### Goss off to a flier

#### ECV Hornets B 2 Chard A 4

THIS game got off to a bang with three goals in the first nine minutes with Trevor Goss grabbing a brace.

On five minutes he finished off a wonderful sequence of Chard passes, Jason Goddard providing the cross and Goss firing home.

Then, after the Hornets had equalised just three minutes later, Goddard sent in another cross and Goss making no mistake from close range.

Kyle Wheaton then put Chard 3-1 up after the keeper had parried his first effort.

Chard eased further ahead 10 minutes into the second half from a penalty corner.

Harvey Denings' initial shot was saved but the ball fell to Gary Wheaton whose shot-come-pass found its way to Goddard who scored from close range.

The Hornets who pulled a goal back from a penalty corner and a diving save and follow up clearance by Nick Liggins prevented the home side from denying Chard all three points in the last few minutes.

Match sponsor: *Gordon Stoker* and Son, Jewellers & Valuers.

**Chard:** *R Green, N Liggins, A Critchley, P Pratt, C Knight, N Parkinson, J Goddard, J Spurdle (capt), T Goss, H Denings, G Wheaton, T King, J Green, M Kane, K Wheaton.*

## rugby chard

# Hill's boot shoots down lowly Chard

**Chard 7 Clevedon 22**  
HIGH-FLYING Clevedon were given a real run for their money by lowly Chard who battled hard throughout and played their part in an evenly contested match writes *Glyn Hughes*.

But the visitors had a real trump card in Keiran Hill who had an excellent afternoon kicking four superb penalties in the opening quarter to put Chard on the back foot.

Clevedon increased their lead with a try from lock forward Harley Foley. Hill added the conversion to take his side 19-0 clear.

Chard then just missed a try when they narrowly failed to get the touchdown after a fine kick to the corner.

But they deservedly got on the score sheet right on half time when Matt Tinley crossed wide out for a try which Osman converted to make it 7-19 at the break.

Hill increased Clevedon's advan-

tage with another successful kick in the early in the second half.

Chard gave as good as they got for the rest of the match and were unlucky and felt they were unlucky not to get a penalty try when Clevedon had a player sent to the bin following a blatant infringement on their own line.

The defeat leaves Chard in the relegation places ahead of Saturday's visit by Weston (2.30pm ko).

#### Chard 3rd XV 52 Frome 3rds XV 12 Somerset 3 South

CHARD went up the hill in the first half and soon found that the scrum was Frome's strength but the front row of Milton, Nicholes and Lovelock were more than a match.

Chard ran in three tries in the first half through Squire, Mainwaring and E Lewis with a single try from the visitors making the score 17-5 at half time.

With the advantage of the hill in

the second half, Chard ran in quick tries from for Szydelko and Watts although some infringements meant that Frome got another try which was this time converted.

After a stern talking too from Captain Brian Sugar Chard stopped giving away cheap penalties and again went on the advance with two more converted tries from Squire and Szydelko putting the game beyond the dejected visitors.

The final try came from the halfway line with Warren Lewis carving through the Frome defence scoring under the posts.

Man of the match was given to Rhys Carnell by Captain Sugar but could have gone to any of the Chard team.

Next week Chard will be hosting a game between ex-Chairman Mike Duffy's team and current Chairman Gavin Smillie's squad (12 noon ko). Almost 50 players have registered an interest with a good

number as part of the RFU and club return to rugby program.

#### Teignmouth Ladies 5 Chard 0

A SQUAD of 18 Chard Ladies, including two debutants, made the journey to Teignmouth on Sunday.

The pitch resembled a mud bath before the match and the rain didn't stop so the game was destined to be played up front with a soap-like ball.

Teignmouth kicked off and the contest remained just Chard's half for the majority of the first period with neither team managing to gain any advantage until a well worked move from Teignmouth score the only try of the match.

The second half saw Chard continue as they ended the first half dominating in the pack but not really able to take advantage.

Claire Baker was just pipped for Chard's player of the match by Captain Laura Jenkins.

## angling ilminster aa

### Morgan back with win

IT was hard going again for the 11 Ilminster AA members on the River Isle on Sunday in round eight of the Royal Oak League.

Terry Morgan did well fishing his first river match for a while to take the victory with a nice net of quality roach on the waggler weighing 10lb 13oz from peg 128 at Isle Brewers.

There was a tie for second place with Stuart Aplin and Steve Hurford both weighing 3lb 13oz from pegs 125 and 124.

After seven matches Graham Field leads with 12 points followed by Jamie Rich (13) and Rob Cox (14). Sections; A - Rob Cox (Ilminster) - 3lb, B - Justin Charles (Ilminster) - 3lb 8oz.

## netball honiton league

### Big win for slick Tyres

IT was a week of middle order games in **Division One** with Otters playing HNC Hot Shots and Sidmouth Toucan Chicks up against Ford & Pentecost Panthers.

Hot Shots took the honours in their game with 36-27 win despite being behind 16-15 at half way. Star of the show for Hot shots was Bryony Monaghan with Kerry Machell being the pick of the Otters.

Sidmouth Toucan Chicks held onto their third place thanks to their 34-23 victory over Ford & Pentecost Panthers who are having a comfortable first season settling into the top flight.

Chicks led from the off with Emily Rudolph doing well whilst Anna Benson played well for the Panthers.

In **Division Two** Beer Blazers bounced back from their setback last week to record their third win in four games when they defeated Pixies 26-20 in a close game.

With Becky Dormer having another good game, Beer were 8-3 up at quarter time and although the following quarters were even, that early lead was maintained despite Georgie Selley working hard for Pixies.

Meanwhile, JD Tyres record a comfortable 39-4 win over Swagtermamas with Sam Brunskill in great form. Karen Bennett was the pick of the 'Mamas.

| Division One      | Pld | GD   | Pts | Division Two     | Pld | GD   | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Flamingos         | 10  | 24   | 28  | Sidmouth Toucans | 10  | 107  | 28  |
| Hi Q              | 10  | 215  | 28  | Tip Top Trees    | 10  | 54   | 28  |
| Sidmouth T Chicks | 9   | 122  | 21  | Blackdown        | 10  | 97   | 26  |
| HNC Hot Shots     | 10  | -48  | 20  | Otter Valley     | 10  | 54   | 20  |
| Otters            | 9   | 22   | 18  | JD Tyres         | 11  | 39   | 18  |
| F & P Panthers    | 10  | -69  | 15  | Beer Blazers     | 11  | -70  | 14  |
| Howden Hawks      | 9   | -295 | 2   | Pixies           | 11  | -118 | 12  |
| Signs SW          | 9   | -187 | 2*  | Swagtermamas     | 11  | -163 | 11  |

## starter's orders running round-up

# Clark shows clean pair of heels

**AXE VALLEY RUNNERS** with *Dave Mutter*  
ELEANOR Wood, the only AVR runner to compete in the South West Veterans' 6k run at SIDFORD in wet and slippery conditions on Sunday, was pleased to finish third lady, 17th overall in 28:56.

The MOONLIGHT FLIT, billed as Devon's darkest half marathon as the race, starts at 5.30pm on the first night of the new moon and is a circular loop starting and finishing in Totnes.

The route, mainly off road muddy trails with five big hills to ascend, including the notorious Post Box Hill made for a tough run.

The race was won by Rhys Goodhead in 1:33:55. AVR Graham Newton finished 24th in

2:06:01, winning the over 60 vet men category.

N1 Tri Club were the dominant force in this week's SEATON PARKRUN with Johnny Livingstone winning in 17:24 and Alan Livingstone second, 18:02. AVR's Garry Perratt was third, 19:20 and triathlete Phoebe Clark the first lady, eighth overall in 20:20, out of the 137 runners.

One of the many wonderful things that parkrun offer is a network of organised 5k runs all around the country. Once you have registered then you can turn up with your barcode to any parkrun and get a time and position.

Matt Hewer and James Ashforth took part in the PLYM VALLEY PARKRUN.

With a lot of mud, off road, and a couple of hills

to contend with the pair's 5k PB's where never going to challenged. Matt came fourth in 20:17 and James 23rd, 23:21 out of a total of 201 participants.

#### HONITON RC with *Judy Davey*

PHOEBE and Alice Clark from Honiton Running Club Juniors took part in the recent EXETER HARRIERS track series.

Phoebe ran the longer 3K distance even though this race was an older category than the U15 that Phoebe had been in.

Despite this, she won her heat 11 minutes 9 seconds. Alice won the U13 1500m in 5.50 even though she is only 10 years old.

## on the frontier around the local skittles leagues

**Colyton**  
**Div 1:** Axminster Con A 382 (I Macdonald 68) Gerrard A 353 (D Hawkins 75); Tuckers Arms B 371 (D Coombes 69) Red Lion A 359 (M Lewis 68); Colyton Club A 354 (G Hartnell 69); New Inn A 344 (G Smith, D Jones 63); Red Lion Cavaliers 386 (P Stone 71) Vine B 363 (K Gush 70); Lamb B 329 (A Churchill 68) Seaton FC A 313 (M French 61); Cloakham B 355 (P Miller 69) Honiton Con D 379 (M Wheaton 79); Colcombe A 472 (R Parsons 101) Lamb A 465 (B Moore 86);

**Div 2:** Honiton WMC A 357 (M Cardy 67) Ship C 330 (N Ostler 64); Vine A 334 (C Every 67); Offwell A 337 (D Spragg 59); Tuckers A 347 (D Dower 63) Honiton Converts 361 (A Down 71); Eagle Tavern 408 (C Hutchings 92) Colcombe Beerboys 383 (P White, S Bartlett 74); Honiton Con D 361 (A Parkinson) Dolphin Vikings 378 (A Parkhouse 74) Kings Arms Beers 365 (C Brown 69); Gerrard B 361 (M Orsman 67) Volunteer A 361 (S Charlton 72);

**Div 3:** Three Tuns BTP 303 (K Zarczynski 56) Mounbatten Whites 298 (A Webb 55); Volunteer B 302 (S Isaac 59) Wilmingdon Harts 310 (J Woollacott 63); Kingfisher A 302 (A Bishop 61) Colcombe B 313 (T Yates 56); Ship A 358 (D Minchin 67) Red Lion Sidbury 360 (J McQueen 70); Sidbury Village Inn 346 (G Ruck 63) Cloakham Wanderers 333 (D Weston 59);

**Div 4:** Seaton FC B 347 (Liz Furber 67) Winstons A 316 (P Burrows 60); Honiton Con Artists 338 (D Jones 69) Rising Sun B 333 (K White 61); Honiton Con A 330 (T Bennet 67) Honiton WMC B 325 (G Hart 61); Heathfield A 347 (D

Pearse 68) Axminster Inn A 379 (D Morgan 74); Rising Sun A 347 (R Parsons 63) Tuckers Arms C 317 (R Dare 56); Div 5: Winstons KOOTS 332 (D Purrington 62) Dolphin B 331 (L Matheson 62); Seaton Bowling 285 (T Hurley-Smith 53) Heathfield B 269 (M Glaeser 53); Offwell B 410 (S Scotland, L Stubbs, A Olive 74) White Hart A 334 (S Hallworthy 66); Honiton Con Raiders 341 (D Garland 66) Sidmouth Arms Kings 333 (S Fuller 65); Colcombe Nomads 393 (T Wills 70) Kingfisher B 349 (B Dowell 67).

| Division One   | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Red Lion Caves | 16  | 26  |
| Axe Con A      | 16  | 25  |
| New Inn A      | 16  | 22  |
| Vine B         | 16  | 20  |
| Gerrard A      | 16  | 19  |
| Tuckers Arms B | 16  | 19  |
| Colyton Club A | 16  | 17  |
| Honiton Con D  | 16  | 16  |
| Lamb B         | 16  | 16  |
| Seaton AFC A   | 14  | 14  |
| Colcombe A     | 16  | 10  |
| Red Lion A     | 16  | 10  |
| Lamb A         | 16  | 6   |
| Cloakham B     | 16  | 4   |

| Division Two      | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Offwell A         | 16  | 22  |
| Vine A            | 16  | 22  |
| Volunteer A       | 16  | 21  |
| Sidbury SC Stones | 15  | 18  |
| Dolphin Vikings   | 16  | 18  |
| Ship C            | 16  | 17  |
| Honiton WMC A     | 16  | 15  |
| Wheelwright A     | 15  | 14  |
| Eagle Tavern      | 16  | 14  |
| Gerrard B         | 16  | 14  |
| Honiton Converts  | 16  | 14  |
| Colcombe Beerboys | 16  | 13  |
| Kings Arms Beers  | 16  | 10  |
| Tuckers Arms A    | 16  | 9   |

| Division Three   | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Wilmington Harts | 14  | 20  |
| Vine Nomads      | 13  | 17  |

|                     |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|
| Sidbury Village Inn | 14 | 17 |
| Cloakham Wanderers  | 14 | 14 |
| Volunteer B         | 14 | 14 |
| Red Lion Sidbury    | 13 | 13 |
| Kingfisher A        | 13 | 12 |
| White Hart B        | 13 | 12 |
| Colcombe B          | 14 | 12 |
| Mounbatten Whites   | 14 | 12 |
| Three Tuns BTP      | 12 | 10 |
| Ship A              | 12 | 6  |

| Division Four       | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Rising Sun A        | 14  | 26  |
| Axe Inn A           | 14  | 17  |
| Kings Arms A        | 13  | 16  |
| Heathfield A        | 14  | 16  |
| Honiton WMC B       | 13  | 15  |
| Honiton Con A       | 13  | 13  |
| New Inn B           | 13  | 11  |
| Winstons            | 14  | 11  |
| Honiton Con Artists | 14  | 10  |
| Rising Sun B        | 14  | 10  |
| Seaton AFC B        | 14  | 10  |
| Tuckers Arms C      | 14  | 8   |

| Division Five       | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Colcombe Nomads     | 13  | 22  |
| Colyton Club B      | 12  | 20  |
| Offwell Rejects     | 14  | 20  |
| Seaton Bowling      | 13  | 16  |
| Sidmouth Arms Kings | 14  | 16  |
| Winstons Koots      | 14  | 14  |
| Dolphin B           | 13  | 12  |
| White Hart A        | 14  | 12  |
| Kingfisher B        | 13  | 10  |
| Heathfield B        | 13  | 8   |
| Honiton Con Raiders | 14  | 6   |
| Tuckers Arms D      | 13  | 4   |

#### Axminster

**Men's Ellis Shield Round Two**  
B&Gs 302 (C Sharpe 61) New Inn Hawks 178 (R Cligg 36); Gerrard D 241 (M Facey 53) Wooton Cowboyos 275 (P Studley 57), Green Army 240 (D Kelland, M Pidgeon 55) Seaton BC 157 (D Milland 34), Kings Arms Seaton 230 (K Massey 57) Thornecombe B 214 (M Boulton 46), Ax Con Rebels 249 (M Summers 57) The Feds 183 (L Toote 41), Old Inn Kilm A 270 (J Perkins 56) Ax FC IV 217 (G

Harding 44), Red Devils 367 (K Bull 67) Ax FC B 259 (A Elm 61), Tuckers C 292 Bottle Inn 279 (P Wallis 65), Lamb A 249 (N Jones 50) Ax Jokers 260 (A Churchill 56), Thornecombe A 257 (G Harding 59) Colcombe D 270 (M Bright 51), Sidmouth Arms 220 (R Reed 49) Ax Con A 189 (S Trott 44), Colcombe Nomads 265 (J Coe 53) Wooton Sherberts 270 (J Chapman 60), New Inn C 220 (R Webb 53), Red Lion D (T Herbert Jr 51), Thornecombe C 292 (C Ellis 57) Lamb Spartans 269.

#### Ladies League results

**Div 1:** Red Lion A 346 (L Shepherd 63) Colcombe A 345 (A Ogden 67), Ax Inn A 351 (S Boyland 65) New Inn B 295 (M Bear 60), Gerrard Guzzlers 308 (M Kiff 57) Bees Knees 313 (S Russell 63), Colcombe Girls 377 (M Wills 88) Thornecombe Newtops 327 (K Churchill 62), Wotnots 396 (L Galloway 84) Rousdon Ladies 373 (E Beviss 78).

**Div 2:** Tuckers A 334 (L Gould 63) Colcombe Angels 336 (A Pearce 64), Cloakham A 342 (C Carslake 65) Ax Inn Allsorts 331 (R Enticott 66), Colcombe B 369 (S Wilton 69) Red Lion Rabble 350 (L Warren 70), White Hart Wilm A 304 (J Bishop 53) Tuckers B 306 (S Cooper 56), Seaton FC 323 (K Hales, S Smart 64) BattleAxes 307 (S Bennett 59), Thornecombe A 302 (A Deeleay 56) Gerrard A 315 (A Kay 62).

| Ladies Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Axe Inn A           | 15  | 26  |
| Wotnots             | 13  | 22  |
| Seaton Bowling Club | 13  | 20  |
| Red Lion A          | 15  | 18  |
| Colcombe Girls      | 15  | 14  |
| Rousdon Ladies      | 14  | 13  |
| Gerrard Guzzlers    | 14  | 11  |

|                     |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|
| New Inn A           | 14 | 11 |
| Bees Knees          | 14 | 11 |
| Colcombe A          | 13 | 10 |
| New Inn B           | 13 | 8  |
| Thornecombe Newtops | 15 | 4  |

| Ladies Division Two     | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Cloakham A              | 16  | 20  |
| Tuckers Arms B          | 15  | 20  |
| Gerrard A               | 15  | 20  |
| Battle Axes             | 15  | 18  |
| White Hart Wilmington A | 16  | 18  |
| B & Js                  | 16  | 16  |
| Colcombe B              | 16  | 16  |
| Tuckers Arms A          | 16  | 14  |
| Seaton FC               | 14  | 14  |
| Colcombe Angels         | 16  | 14  |
| Thornecombe A           | 14  | 10  |
| Red Lion Rabble         | 13  | 8   |
| Axe Inn Allsorts        | 15  | 8   |

#### Crewkerne & District

| Division One       | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Super Sexy Six     | 13  | 121 |
| Lost Boys          | 13  | 115 |
| Headhunters        | 13  | 100 |
| The Coachmen       | 13  | 95  |
| Mighty Ducks       | 13  | 93  |
| Football Club      | 13  | 74  |
| Stray Cats         | 13  | 73  |
| King Willy Dogs    | 13  | 67  |
| Rollers            | 13  | 59  |
| Odd Bobs           | 13  | 55  |
| Royal Oak Drimpton | 13  | 43  |
| Sports 92          | 13  | 41  |

| Division Two    | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Loud & Proud    | 12  | 95* |
| Perrott Monkeys | 13  | 94  |
| Brewers Bees    | 13  | 91  |
| Skimmers        | 13  | 88  |
| Rugrats         | 12  | 83  |
| Pinbusters      | 13  | 83  |
| Hillbillys      | 13  | 77  |
| Raptors         | 13  | 68  |
| Muppets         | 13  | 64  |
| Ugly Ducklings  | 13  | 63  |
| Fudders         | 13  | 62  |
| Fryers          | 13  | 50  |

| Division Three     | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| DBST               | 13  | 100 |
| Royal Chokers      | 13  | 97  |
| Admiral 6          | 13  | 90  |
| The King's Jesters | 13  | 90  |
| Chis Colts         | 13  | 88  |
| Sandbaggers        | 13  | 78  |

|                  |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|
| Rotary           | 13 | 75 |
| Concorde         | 13 | 71 |
| Beer Leg Boys    | 13 | 71 |
| Willy Low Flyers | 13 | 67 |
| King's Men       | 13 | 55 |
| The Likely Lads  | 13 | 54 |

**Top Score:** T.Champion (Loud & Proud) & V.Ball (Likely Lads) both 65.

#### Ilminster & District

**Nomination Div 1:** Ashill Boys 170-2 (R.Robson 29, M.Brown 6) Floaters 184-10 (J.Miles 42, D.Pridde 04), Hatch Eggs 178-1 (B.Honeyball 31, C.Desave 9) Crown Crusaders 246-11 (A.Berry 41, R.Sims & M.Wriste 25), Flying Turkeys 259-11 (T.Towill 62, A. McGowen 17) Nomads 182-1 (T.Symes 40, D.Allen 4), Royal Oak Faces 169-10 (S.Whiteites 33, N.Jenkins 12) Ilton Choppers 157-2 (J.Manley 32, S. Chown 9).

| Nomination Div One | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Flying Turkeys     | 8   | 86  |
| Royal Oak Faces    | 8   | 73  |
| Crown Crusaders    | 8   | 72  |
| Nomads             | 8   | 50  |
| Ilton Choppers     | 8   | 40  |
| Floaters           | 8   | 36  |
| Ashill Boys        | 8   | 35  |
| Wyndham Warriors   | 8   | 29  |



| Beer League         | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Nags Head, LR       | .15 | 29  |
| Steepps             | .15 | 27  |
| Lamb Swans          | .16 | 25  |
| New Inn Kill B      | .15 | 25  |
| Axminster Con Club  | .16 | 24  |
| Charlie's Angels    | .15 | 24  |
| Gerrard Arms        | .16 | 23  |
| Ship Inn, LR        | .16 | 21  |
| New Inn Kill A      | .16 | 19  |
| Talbot Arms, Uplyme | .15 | 19  |
| Dolphin, Beer       | .15 | 18  |



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## No way past!

◆ **TACKLED:** Axminster Town Reserves' skipper Danny Galloway keeps out a Clyst Valley Reserves attack in Saturday's 3-1 win at Tiger Way. *Photo by ANDREW GRAHAM*



## Hurst named Devon Player of the Year

SEATON Tennis club's Emma Hurst was awarded Devon LTA Senior Player of the Year award last week in Exeter for her contribution to county tennis during 2016.

As well as reaching a world ranking high of 870, qualifying for the Wimbledon British Wildcard play-offs, winning her first ITF doubles title, taking gold in the BUCS Ladies Tennis Championships (British Universities and Colleges Sport), and a team bronze medal for Great Britain in the BNP Paribas Masters in France, Emma has also been committed to representing Devon during the year.

In the Summer County Doubles Cup, Emma and Torquay's Kendal Brown enjoyed 14 out of 15 wins, followed by promotion to Division Four in the Winter County Cup at Taunton.

Devon LTA commented at the Awards ceremony: "Emma's loyalty to the county is much appreciated and she is applauded for her success which is very much due to her hard work and focus, not to mention the support from her coaches, family, and Seaton Tennis Club."



◆ **SUPERB YEAR:**  
Emma Hurst

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S.L

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L.D

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J.K